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'Arrogance and harshness damaging our democracy' Alan Howarth

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'Nothing will distract us from the task ahead'

party lurching to the right' **John Major**

'He cannot stomach the Tory

'Batty ... It is an act of complete treachery'

Warning to Tories as Howarth goes

COLIN BROWN and PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

The Conservative Party was reeling yesterday from the unprecedented defection of one of its most respected backbench MPs to the Labour Party with a warning that between 30 and 40 Tory MPs shared his concern at the right-wing direction of John Major's government.

The timing of Alan
Howarth's defection caused the

maximum damage to Conservative morale oo the eve of the Tory party conference in Blackpool. Ministers reacted angrily, mounting a damage limitation exercise by questioning his state of mind, and accusing him of be-

ing "vindictive".
Some senior Conservative Party sources suggested his de-fection was linked to the breakup of his marriage. Alan Clark, the outspoken former defence minister, described his action as batty". But friends rallied behind Mr Howarth, 51, a former education minister.

Mr Howarth, the Tory MP for Stratford on Avon, one of the safest seats in the country with a 23,000 majority at the last election, was given a cool response by the Prime Minister during a telephone conversation yesterto quit the Tory party, accusing Mr Major's government of "an arrogance of power".

After their meeting, Mr Major said: "I profoundly disagree with his analysis of the Conservative Party but nothing will distract us from the task ahead."

The defection - secured after weeks of careful negotiation with Tony Blair and the Labour leader's close allies - cuts the Prime Minister's technical majority in the Commons to just five votes, and risks forcing Mr Ma-jor to go to the country in a gen-eral election before he planned. Exclusive: Howarth in his own words

The party has given up on fairness'

'At long last we have a party that is both committed to social justice and tough-minded about the practicalities of government. That is why I have joined new Labour ... ! A defector writes, page 19 .

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Mr Howarth ruled out the pos-right wing policies." sibility of resigning his seat and forcing a by-election.

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, hailed it as a devastating blow for Mr Major oo the eve of the Tory conference. He said: "Alan Howarth is a well respected and senior member of the Conservative Party who has now made it clear he can't stomach the Tory party hirching further and further to the right."

In an exclusive article for the dependent, Mr Howarth says: With the honourable exceptions of a handful of beleaguered ministers and backbenchers, today's Conservative Party has effectively given up on the basic ethical responsibilities of govand to hold society together."

There was no sign of any further defections, but several Tory MPs in the One Nation group contacted by the Independent yesterday confirmed they shared Mr Howarth's mis-givings. Tim Rathbone, a senior "One Nation" Tory MP: "I am sorry he took that step. I completely understand his concerns. They are the concerns which are shared by an awful lot of people. It might be a dramatic shot across the bows of those people who advocate a

"It is a symptom of the strain which is going on in the centreleft of the Conservative Party,' said Peter Temple-Morris, leader of the Tory Macleod group. "This is an exceptional event, but I respect him for it."

Jim Lester, a former emcyment minister and close ally of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, confirmed that 30 to 40 MPs shared Mr Howarth's concerns, while rejecting his support for Labour. But some on the left of the Conservative Party were privately contemplating the break-up of the Tory party after the general election, which they expect to lose. A Gallup poll for the Daily Telegraph conference to have increased

from 28 to 30 per cent. One prominent Tory MP said he was ready to join the Liberal Democrats if there was a realignment of British politics.
Tories on the left said Mr Ma-

jor's leadership contest has secured his own position in the party, but the drift to the right is "inexorable" and will accelcrate under his successor, whom they expect to be Michael Por-

Mr Howarth's friends accused the Conservative leaderfurther shift to the hard-edged ship of abandoning the

to Mr Blair. They warned min-isters against using this week's Tory party conference to stake out a more right-wing agenda by a string of announcements. It is expected that the Chancellor will make tax cuts the centre-piece of the Tory fight-back, and Sir George Young, the Secretary of State for Transport, who is also on the left of the party, will amounce plans to pri-vatise Railtrack, in spite of widespread misgivings about the sale of British Rail.

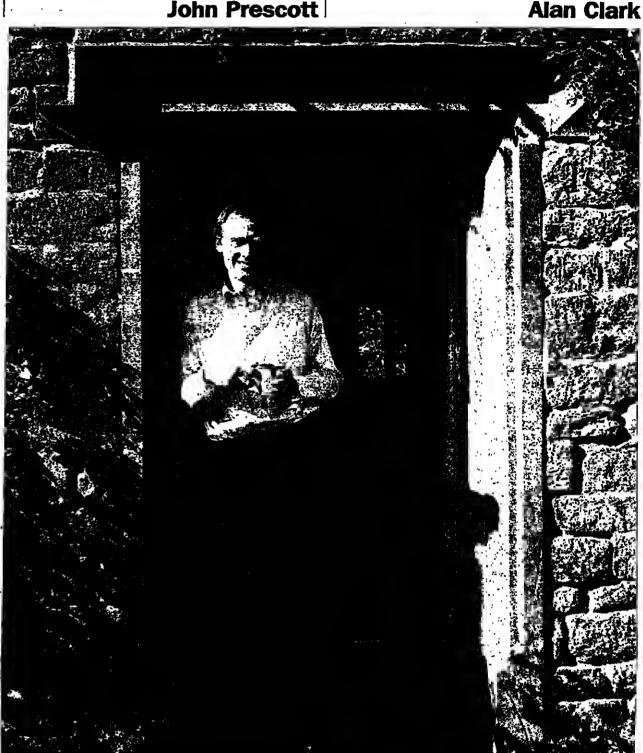
Attacking that strategy, Mr Howarth says in the Independent: "The Treasury's obsesnegativism, Government's fetish about reducing public expenditure as a proportion of GDP and Cooservative backbenchers' desperation to ingratiate themselves with the voters

through tax cuts conspire to prevent the investment we oeed in public services." A key role in the build-up to the dramatic event was played by Margaret Hodge, the MP for Barking and close confidante of Tony Blair. While a lengthy

conversation between Mr Howarth and Mr Blair at the Labour leader's home on 26 September was a crucial turnity of Mr Howarth switching to Labour was the subject of discussions for a few months beforehand, with the secret known only to Mr Howarth, Mr Blate and Ms Hodge.

However, Arthur Scargill, the NUM leader, accused Mr Blair of "prostituting" Labour's socialist principles. It is little wonder people like Mr Howarth see no difficulty in ioining Labour." he said. Mr Howarth's constituency

met yesterday to discuss re-placing him with another Conservative candidate.



Defection: Alan Howarth yesterday outside his home in Lower Tysoe, Warwickshire

Eleven women beheaded And finally, 'News at Ten' under Islamic 'justice' gives way to 'Cracker'

Middle East Correspondent

Saudi Arabia's system of Islamic "justice" has notched up a new tally of victims: 11 women publicly beheaded in less than three years. The names of the women subjected to decapitation in public squares - and details of. their executions after trials that were sometimes little more than a legal charade - are revealed for the first time today

in the Independent.

Two were a mother and daughter, killed together by a Saudi executioner who cut off their heads with a sword in the Saudi port city of Dhahran less than two months ago.

Eight of the 11 women were

Franc under attack

The French franc is expected to

come under further pressure to-

day in what looks like becom-

ing a major test of President

Chirac's commitment to the

franc fort" policy of linking the

franc to the German mark with

the ultimate target of monetary

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Dammam for killing her em-ployer, his wife and son, after alleging the son had tried to rape her. In the emirate of Ras al-Khaymah, a Sri Lankan maid was shot by firing squad in April after allegedly killing her employer's child. She was 19.

Since January this year, 176

men also have been beheaded in Saudi Arabia. During the same three-year period, hundreds of women -

most of them foreign workers from the Philippines and Sri Lanka - have been lashed in Arab Gulf prisons, usually for alleged sexual misdemeanours: dozens have fled t after claiming they had been beaten or sexually abused by employers. Their plight is causing growing convicted of murder after secret horror among human rights trials, three others for drugs-re-lated offences. Six were Saudi told by Sandi Arabia and othcitizens. A Christian Filipina er Gulf states that punishments maid was beheaded in are an internal affair, inflicted

IN BRIEF

Army 'sponsorship' row

The Ministry of Defence is re-

sisting plans for British Aero-

space, GEC and other defence

suppliers to have their own

forces, in which they would lend employees to the MoD to

help service and maintain

School inspectors war

A price war has broken out be-

tween rival groups of private

and public sector secondary

school inspectors, forcing down

fees to a point where they say

equipment.

quality is at risk.

"sponsored" units in the armed

In the emirate of Abu Dhabi sterday, the parents of Sarah Balabagan, 16, who is facing a death sentence for allegedly killing her employer when she was only 14, greeted their daughter in prison at al-Ain hut with no indication that an appeal court hearing today will reverse her sentence. She says

to rape her, but opinion in the Arab Gulf is against her. A news magazine in the Unit-ed Arab Emirates has called Filipina maids a "minefield" and referred to the convicted girl as a justly sentenced "killer". A Saudi intellectual has described the beheading of women as part of new security measures that reflect the fear of the Saudi royal family that instability can endanger their regime.

G7 backs dollar

under control".

Extremist threat

Finance ministers at the Group

of Seven meeting in Washing-

ton sent currency markets a

clear signal of their intention to

underpin the dollar against the

ven. Kenneth Clarke held out

the hope of Budget tax cuts "but

only if we have public spending

The extreme right-wing group Combat 18 is believed to be

planning violent disruption

that the man she killed had tried

West shamed, page 11 night had not yet been in-Leading article, page 18 formed officially of the resched-

The Independent Television Commission yesterday strong-ly rebuked ITV over its plans to delay the News at Ten by 15 min-utes next Monday to accommodate an extended episode of

the hit programme Crucker.

The ITC is concerned that the decision to delay the news for a 75-minute television drama was "a slippery slope down which ITV should not be going".

The surprise rescheduling move, which some saw as a testmg of the ITC's resolve, is sure to reopen the old debate about the positioning of the flagship bulletin. Many ITV companies have long wanted to shift it to make way for the uninterrupt-ed broadcast of films and dra-

The ITC, which by late last

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News at 10.15: Trevor McDonald and Robbie Coltrane

uling, said: "This certainly seems to be in conflict with the conditions of the [ITV] li-

cence." ITV is required to air half an hour of live news in peak viewing time. In the past, ITV has broadcast extended-length episodes of hit series such as Prime Suspect on successive. evenings or over the weekend, when News at Ten does not run. The matter is to be consid-

and could be referred to members of the full board for further action if the rescheduling plan goes ahead. Possible sanctions include fines and a shortening of the franchise period.

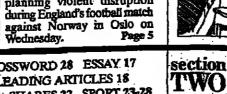
Until now, delays to the start of the news have been due to live sporting events deemed of exceptional interest, coverage of breaking events or broadcasts of national importance. ered by commission staff today Dear Marcus Plantin, section two

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Brian Mawhinney: The Conservative chairman gives his reaction to Alan Howarth's defection Page 19 Bill Rodgers: A previous political defector warns Alan Howarth how life will be now Page 18 Essay: Fascism is alive and well - we just refuse to call it what it is

Miles Kington pays tribute to Al Jolson Page 19 Leading article: "The Saudis and their Gulf neighbours will try to excuse their behaviour by claiming that threats to civil order must be met with a 'strong hand'."

Weather: Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy with rain. England and Wales will enjoy some sunshine but with rain to the north and west. Section Two, page 21



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THE HOWARTH DERING

Tory schisms laid bare by shock decision

STEVE BOGGAN and **COLIN BROWN**

Leading Tories reacted to Alan Howarth's defection with almost universal shock and anger yesterday, though there was genuine sympathy and respect for him among MPs on the left of

the Tory Party. Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, dismissed the defection as "ecceotric" and "bizarre",

Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, appeared to suggest there was a need to be concerned about Mr Howarth's mental health. "There is a certain vindictiveness in the choice of the date of the announcement. What seems to me in be rather a vindictive decision is out of character with his usual

"I am quite concerned about what I think this demonstrates obvinusly going through quite a turbulent time," she said on

Sky News.

Alan Clark, the outspoken former defeoce minister, said: "The kindest thing you can say about Alan Howarth is that he is batty. It is an act of complete

Perhaps the most aggrieved at being kept in the dark over his decision - save for the officials of his own constituency associatioo - was the Prime Mr Majnr said: "I profound-

ly disagree with his analysis of the Conservative Party but nothing will distract us from the Chancellor Kenneth Clarke said Mr Howarth had lost his political way, and Deputy Prime

what the public want". But Labour was gleeful at its propaganda coup, with deputy party leader John Prescott hailing it as a devastating blow for Mr Major on the eve of the Tory further to the Right."

Minister Michael Heseltine said

the MP was "out of touch with



Chorus of disapproval: (from left) Conservative Party Chairman Dr Brian Mawhinney, Education and Employment Secretary Gillian Shephard, former defence minister Alan Clark and Public Services Minister Roger Freeman

conference, on which so much

depends. He said: Alan

Howarth is a well respected and

senior member of the Conser-

vative Party who has oow made

it clear he can't stomach the



that the Parliamentary Labour Party will gladly accept Alan Howarth's application for the Labour whip and welcome him

whip, said: "I am confident

Derek Foster, Labour chief a very significant conversion, es- stand down and fight a by-elec-

ability who will not have taken his decision lightly," he said. Speaking on the BBC's Breakfast with Frost, Mr Mawhinney said he believed Mr Howarth should immediately

tion - something the defector pecially from a man of proveo has no intention of doing.

The people of Stratford-on-Avon will form their own conclusions about a man who won't offer himself to them," he said. "It seems to be a bit of an

eccentric decision, doesn't it? He made an announcement that affects him and deprives the people of Stratford of their representative that they voted

"The idea that Alan is doing his electors some sort of favour by moving from supporting this Government to aligning himself in the Opposition with Dennis Skinner and Tony Benn and John Prescott - frankly, that is bizarre.

Roger Freeman said he had not been surprised by the defection. "Alan Howarth has been increasingly isolated on the backbenches over the last couple of years," he said. "I respect Alan's views, but he's been out of step with the Parliamentary Conservative Party for some considerable period of time and so [the] announcement didn't

come as a surprise to me.
This is a very human problem for him. He clearly felt very strongly that he had more sym-

pathy with the Labour Party. His own views had changed. I think the honourable thing for him to do is resign and stand agaio."
But backbench colleagues on

the left of the party were sympathetic. A former minister, Jim Lester, said: "Alan has made some very penetrating speeches over a very considerable people of time. One shares many of his instincts as far as the kinner and Tony Benn and many of its unaction and found prescott - frankly, that is izarre."

Conservative Party is concerned that I am surprised he should join the Labour Party."

Toger Freeman said he had not former Prime Minister Sir

Edward Heath urged other Edward Heath urged other one-nation Tories not to follow Mr Howard. "What I would say to all those who think the same way in the party is dir job is not to leave the party but to do everything we possibly can to persuade the party to carry out the policies which we used to have," he said.

Among others, there was

Among others, there was some understanding, although no indication of any further de-

Question of morals: Government attitudes towards social issues proved to be decisive in the dramatic move to Labour

Signals that were there for all to see

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

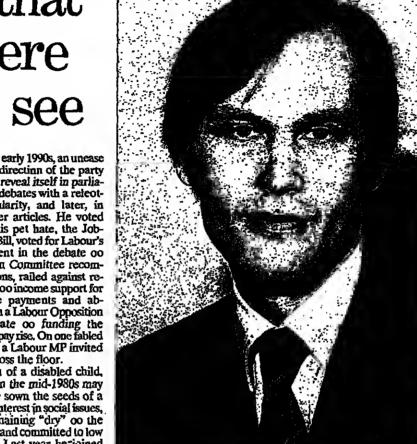
The Conservative Party swung frantically into the biggest damage limitation exercise in recent political history yesterday. The tactic was basically smear; the message, to question Alan Howarth's state of mind.

senses looks pretty far from the reality. The 51-year-old MP is ooe of the most intelligent, assiduous and thoughtful. Moreover, the cooversino - or certainly the realisation that he could no longer support today's The birth of a disabled child, Tories - has been long been dis-

cernible. chip seat once occupied by John Profumo, he was one of the dozen founder-members of the Thatcherite No Turning Back group that year. In all, he served - apparently contentedfrom 1979 to 1992. But while a staunch supporter of keynote Tory policies such as opted-out schools and student loans (along with transforming polyminister) his affinity with fellow Nn Turning Backers such as Peter Lilley, onw Secretary nf State for Social Security, and Michael Forsyth, Secretary of

From the early 1990s, an unease with the direction of the party began to reveal itself in parliamentary debates with a releotless regularity, and later, in newspaper articles. He voted against his pet hate, the Job-seekers' Bill, voted for Labour's ameodment in the debate oo the Nolan Committee recom-But the notioo of an over- mendations, railed against rewrought man taking leave of his strictions oo income support for mortgage payments and ab-stained on a Labour Opposition Day debate oo funding the teachers' pay rise. On one fabled occasion, a Labour MP invited him to cross the floor.

now 10, in the mid-1980s may also have sown the seeds of a Elected as MP for Stratford-inpon-Avon in 1983, the blue-chip seat once occupied by growing interest in social issues, while remaining "dry" oo the economy and committed to low inflation. Last year he joined Labour MPs in a Trafalgar Government's rejection of a backbench disabled rights Bill. ly - under Margaret Thatcher He had used his first vote to help return Harold Wilson's 1966 Labour administration to power. By the 1974 election, the Westminster middle-class School master, had reverted to technics into universities as a minister) his affinity with fellow year he was warning in a newspaper article on the eve of the Tories' Bournemouth conference that they must stop pan-dering to the "retributive" right. State for Scotland, was limited. In a sign of a future readiness



Square raily to protest at the Changing places: (from left) Mr Howarth at Central Office in 1979, campaigning for disabled rights and arriving at the BBC yesterday for an interview

to embrace what a forewarned John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, carefully portrayed as "ooe nation Labour" at the close of Labour's conference on Friday, he added: "Competitiveness, discipline, independence and responsibility - goals identified by Margaret Thatcher and oow commoo to all parties - need to be pursued in ways that appeal to moderate oninion and the British sense of fair-

3om: 11 June 1944

The career of a man whose conservative background clashed with his developing moral convictions

Father's occupation: School master and former liaison offier at Field: Marshal Montomery's HO. duration: Rugby School and

King's College, Cambridge, Where at 22 he voted to re-turn Harold Wilson's Cabour Government to power. Gradu-Family: In:1967; married Gillian . 1974.

'Charice widt who the had two sons and two daughters. They separated last year. Employment: 1965-7; Served as senior research assistant to Montgomery. He was ghost-writer for Montgomery's book

History of Welfare. 1968-74: Assistant master of Westminster School-Voted Con-

nen's office at Conservative Ceptral Office. Served as poverte secretary to William Whitelaw

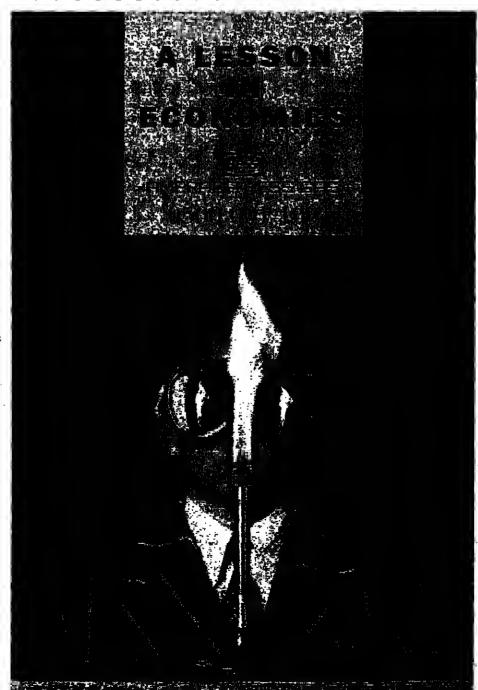
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1984-1984-1985 Secretary at Consensations and Hortage Group secretary. Way Ahead.



sion spreads on Tory left

If hard proof is needed of Alan Howarth's deepening misgivings about his own party, look no further than this year's debates on the Jobseekers Bill.

"Are the unemployed to be treated as criminals?" he said of the Jobseekers Allowance. What will it do to the morale of our society to proceed in this vay? ... What will it do to the public service ethos to create arbitrary powers, systematically encourage officials to disqual-ify from henefit, saoction claimants even more severely than at present?" he asked. "Is it to appease the con-

sciences of the affluent so that they can feel more comfortable, believing that those who are poor are feckless and fiddling the system?" Nn wonder be was under suspicion for months from government whips as likely to jump ship. Trying to engage the Prime

Minister in a debate about the

terday. The apphot of his frus-trations could make moves to put "clear water" between an ever more rightwards-leaning

Tory Party and Labour even more explosive than before. Mr Howarth's friends on the "wet" wing of the Tory party had been feeling disillusioned for months. They fear Juhn Major is being drawn closer to the right wing to ensure its support.

Nn one else was prepared to follow Mr Howarth yesterday. but his departure could signal an intensification in the battle for the soul of the Tory Party, with the centre-left fearing the Tory leadership will revert to a Thatcherite agenda of cuts in the welfare state to pay for tax cuts as a pre-election bribe.

The probability of further defections - perhaps to the Liberal Democrats - remains small. But that is arguably of limited consolation to a Prime Minis-ter whn thought he had reunified his party. Droves of sitting Tory MPs are voting embarrassingly with their feet by anoouncing they will not contest the next election, including thoughtful minds such as former minister George, Walden, the

MP for Buckingham.
The fears of a right-wing party coup by Mr Portillo, now Secretary of State for Defence, were eased by the leadership contest, which secured Mr Major's position. The appointment nf Michael Heseltine as Deputy Prime Minister appeared to put the left of the party in the ascendancy. But Mr Howarth yesterday described Mr Major's victory as "hollow". "There's a kind of listlessness, there is a lack of vision, a lack of clear de-

termination as to where the Conservative Party should go."
Another left-of-centre MP said: "It settled Mr Major's position, but the drift to the right is inexorable."

Many on the left, such as Peter Temple-Morris, MP for Mr Heseltine, who voted for Mr Liberal Democrats after the Major to stop the right-wing challenger, John Redwood. The defection has raised

fresh misgivings about the di-rection of the party. The Macleod group and the Lol-lards, run by Mr Temple-Mortis, have proved incapable of organising to stop the Thatcherite 92 Group, run by Sir George Gardiner, MP for Reigate, seizing control of most.

of the hackbench committees. The Tory left tends to be the older generation and are being replaced by Thatcherites, such as Gerald Howarth, who is standing in Aldershot, the seat held by Mr Heseltine's biographer, Julian Critchley. While the Tory left believes

Mr Howarth has gone too far, losing them a standard-bearer. some were predicting a realignment of the Tory Party if John Major loses the next election. Many would refuse to continue in a right-wing Tory party under Mr Portillo. And

election - the leap tn Lahour would be too great. "The Tory Party is an uncomfortable place for us at the moment. The sooner there is an election the hetter," one unhappy Tory said.

A degree of unhappiness will undoubtedly be the future lot of Mr Howarth. But the sheer inevitability of it all was becoming plain to see. Mr Howarth was the sole Tory MP invited to the Fehruary launch of The State We're in, the best-selling book by Will Hutton, post-Key-nesian guru nf left-of-centre economics. Mr Howarth, whose invocations of Burke and Disraeli are legion, grinned when asked what he was doing in the Tory Party, Later, when Mr Portillo was suggesting Britain should leave the International Labour Organisation, he instantly signed up to Labour MP Denis MacShane's Early Day Motino depluring the move.

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES and COLIN BROWN

Bill was like "spitting in the wind", he told BBC Televi-Few careers survive defection

STEVE BOGGAN

Winston Churchill said it was better to change your mind than be wrong all the time. He was possibly the most famous turncoat of the 20th Century. switching from Tory to Liberal in 1904, and later switching

back again. When he jumped ship to the Liberals, he admitted he had ratted" on the Conservatives. When he defected back, he famously announced he was "rerattine"

There have been about 70 defections in the past 60 years, but Alan Howarth's is thought to be the first from Conservative to Labour. Defections in the oth-

er direction are rare but not unknown. Reg Prentice defected from Labour, with whom he had served as a Cabinet minister, to the Tories in 1977 and weot on to hold office in a Conservative

The largest single defectioo came in 1981 when 27 Labour MPs, led by David Owen and Bill Rodgers, formed the SDP with one Conservative MP, Christopher Brocklehank-

Many of the founders discovered that defection spelled a premature end to their political careers - particularly for the leaders. Mr Brocklebank-Fowler was ejected by his Tory constituency at the next gener-

al election and never recovered politically. Bruce Douglas-Man agreed

to fight a by-election as an SDP candidate but lost to the Conservatives in June 1982. Only a few defectors - like Churchill - have riddeo the po-

litical rollercoaster with aplomb. John Horam, one of the original defectors from Labour to the SDP, had served as a transport minister in James Callaghan's Cabinet. He left his SDP seat in 1983, surfaced again as a Tory supporter in 1987 and won the safe seat of Ornington in 1992. Last March he was made Public Service and

Science minister. Although politically devastating for John Major on the eve of the Tory Party conference, the effects of the defection oo the alignment of parties is likely to be short-term, according to the political historian Professor Pe-

ter Hennessey.
"I don't think we will see radical change coming from this," he said. "We woo't see a more right wing, nationalist, anti-European breakaway group emerging to counter the defection and we woo't see a group following Alan Howarth. "Ultimately, it takes more

than the principled stance of a kind, understated, gentlemanly scholar like Alan Howarth to shift the tectonic plates of



Churchill: 'Ratted' from the Tories and 're-ratted' back



Talk of a Tory town: Constituents astonished and bemused as MP's decision sends shock waves through the heart of England

High drama played out in home of the Bard



MATTHEW BRACE

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> False face must hide what the false heart doth know - Macbeth

Behind drawn curtains at the Conservative Association headquarters in the home of Shakespeare yesterday the latest act in a weekend of high drama was being played out.

Angry and shocked, the association's executive met in emergency session to discuss the defection of the their MP, Alan Howarth, to the Labour Party. Only after the meeting had brokeo up were the drapes pulled back to reveal, in one front room, a portrait of that other famous floor-crosser, Sir Winstoo Churchill.

The irony may have been lost oo Doo Rushton, the local party chairman, who read a prepared statement: "We are disappointed that Alan disdecisioo through a Sunday newspaper. We are astonished that ... a former government minister has chosen to join the Labour Party when only a short time ago he had been so fervent

in his support for John Major." Telephone lines had been busy, he said, with calls of anger and disbelief at Mr Howarth's actions, and of support for the Conservative Party.

Debate among Stratfordians parties mean'."

should not continue as a Labour MP for an overwhelmingly Conservative seat.

In the town's pubs, the content and quality of the previous day's political performance was discussed. The lead character was variously described as "brave", "principled" and "a scoundrel who let down all those who voted for him".

However, the townsfolk agreed it was the most exciting thing to happen in their corner of England since the Sixties scandal over John Profumo, a former Tory member for Stratford. Only the tourists, maps in hand, failed to raise an eyebrow at the mention of the Governmeot's latest political opset.

Across from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, the long bar of the Dirty Duck pub was alive with chatter, and two streets away in the Vintner Wine Bar, the young staff courteously chose to reveal his seemed pleased, if oot a little perplexed, about their town's oew political status.

> Verity Spencer, a 22-year-old waitress, said: "I've grown up in a Tory environment, in a Tory family," she said. "I've heard what it was like when Labour. was in-with all the strikes-that information has an effect on you. Now we have a Labour MP, it has made me think, "Well, let's have a real look at what all the



Bemused: The quiet constituency of Stratford (above). Top left: The local Tory chairman Don Rushton waves a response to Alan Howarth's letter

election and would never consider switching his allegiance to Labour. He said of Mr Howarth's defection: "I think it is a foolish move... I doo't think people will support him just for crossing over to the other side of the House. I don't think he has given his party the chance to make clear its policies

the autumn budget." of the form of the colling for his immediate resignation on the grounds that he could have achieved more the could have achieved mor

felt was correct. I voted Tory last from within the party than by time but not again. I think many Conservative voters will

be affected by this." John Vereker, the leader of the Conservative group on the county council, said he understood Mr Howarth's disillusionment with the Conservative Party but was upset not to see and he hasn't even waited for in. He said: "Quite clearly it is

doing this."

Stratford's Labour cootingent spent the day holed up in a temporary press office. Iys hranch secretary Ann Grosvenor said that despite the radical move, Mr Howarth might oot lose quite as many friends as people were suggesting. "Our him try to change it from with- membership has more than doubled over the past year and Others saw Mr Howarth's for Alan to make his own deci- I can tell you he would take

likelihood of his name being on the voting sheet at the next General Election was slim.

"Our final meeting to decide on a candidate is on October 24, so I don't think he really has a chance. And I think we would want him to have some sort of probationary period," she said.

Away from the political murmur of his shocked constituents in Stratford, Mr Howarth spent the afternoon at his Cotswold-

I recommend the tree by the trees in his front garden, he said gate, they're the best." Little he had oo doubt he had made

the right decision. "I feel a pro-Tysoe then breathed a sigh of refound release and an exhilaralief and continued its peaceful tion," he said. Sımday afternoon. Mr Howarth said he had A few doors down from Mr many misgivings about Tory Howarth's house, a farmer policy, but it was the stirring atstood smiling in his vegetable mosphere of the Labour Party

Conference in Brighton last

week which finally made him

switch allegiance.

patch from where he had been watching the day's events. "Seen it all before," he said. "We had Thatcher up here Bidding farewell to the meonce to see him. Helicopters

That letter: a 10-point response

John Redwood, the right-wing former Cabinet minister defeated by John Major in a leadership battle, challenges Alan Howarth's reasons for defecting

Projet ALAN HOWARTH, C.B.E., M.P.

1 it is one thing to argue for new or Conservative policies from the back benches; quite another to tear up most of what you have stood for over 12 years as a Conservative MP and join our opponents. Stratford Conservatives are bound to be shocked by this decision.

3 You and I always used to agree that a job is the best welfare policy: that everyone should have and the opportunity to own a stake in the country. You never used to argue for Labour policies to replace ours around the No THE Back Group Supper table The average income of pensioners has gone up by 50 per cent more then prices since 1979.

5 We need tax cuts, because tax bears too heavily on those who wish to work and to support their families. I will miss being able to Tax cuts are part of a good welfare policy, to help people back to work and to meet the costs of their

7 Labour's policy proposes a modest increase in Conservative job schemes, whilst threatening hundreds of thousands in low-paid employment by the Social Chapter and the minimum wage. Far from bringing higher living standards, even John Prescott has conceded this will increase employment.

1 Labour's commitment to tertain tax in Scotland and more bureaucracy wherever there is gional government. Do you really ids would improve life in

HOUSE OF COMMON LONDON, R.W.I

We talked today, and I am writing to you formally as Chairman of the Smathed-on-Avon Conservative Puty to sail you that I have decided to join the Labour Party. It is my intention to mose the finer of the House of Commons and all, as Member of

You, and manufers of the Association, have been aware of my senteties abor-developments in the Countractive Party, and of my professed disagreement to range of its policies, so I do not think you will find this decisions entirely sen

The Labour Puty, after the reference and the reserved it has gone through, embodies values and purposes which I presonally hold to politics. For the first time is my liftetime we have in Reinin a party which in both decayly conveniend to social justice and rigorously clear nighted about the residues of governing.

PAR you know, during the three years since I came out of the Government I have argued that the Conservative Party should ratum to the "case ratios" tradition.

Tradically, the party has moved the other way. Ruther thus heat the division in cast society the Conservative Party seems insert on despending them. The poor to Rethein have not shared as they should have done in the growth of the union's wealth, and are made to first the other of indifference or swap contempt by too many Torkes. Benefits it have been cut for the summplayed and the sick and the distributed at the same time as their National harrance contributions have been increased. The Conservative Party in Cases, and the contributed at the same time as their National harrance contributions have been increased. The Conservative Party in Conservation about the same should see insulationally off while teachers are being material. is are inschapeasely funded. Heatile and discriminatory attinuine to minorities exist in a wholly temporphile way in the Party. The sis its face against any constitutional change which would cartail in mated sets its face against any constitutional change which would can aly of amounts power. There is no amogenee of power and a length restaurat which is damaging to our demonstery and to the quality of

By comment the Labour Percy has a control commitment to policies which would provide real prectical help to the leng term unemployed, single mediens and others who are dipartements of Labour convincingly pass education at the top of its agenda.

Labour is nesquivocal in its condemnation of prejudies and discrimination. Labour committed to constitutional refitue. Informing these policies is an edge of fairness small decomp - a commitment to the integrity of our registry - for which the country

On issue other issue I have found payed? in agreement with Labour, end I have consisted that I should join the Labour Party. An MP's first obligation is so the well-being of his constituents. It has become impossible for me, accepting the Conservative Whip, to speak and vote as I judge I should in the best interests of the conservative I supresent. As a Labour MP I would be able to do so.

What is princial, and I very much reque, is to part company politically from you and other friends and colleagues in the Conservative Party is the constituency. Although I have had vigorous deletion with some of our members, skey have been separabily belowes, and many of them have been subvently supportive. I can serve to upset people I like and respect. I hope that personal thindship can transcend and survive political difference.

ALAN HOWARTH

2 This means that during your time as Head of the Cons arch Department, as MP and as a Minister you were always unhappy with your party's stance. How could you live a lie for so

4 Benefits for the disabled have gone up substantially, and the numbers receiving them have increased. This year over £20,000 million will be spent compared with £8,420 million at the end of the last decade, 1989-90.

6 The Government believes individuals and families deserve more choice and more say in public services. You yourself used to be keen on parental choice of school and Grant Maintained Schools, Conservatives have reduced State power over industry and commerce by a high atisation programme and have given many the opportunity to own their home. Your new party opposed all these ways of bringing power to the people. You used to

8 There is little convincing in Labour is in power in many education authorities, yet often fails to pass on 90 per cent or more of the education money sent to them by Parliament. Tony Blair says they should do so, but has nut succeeded in maiding them do the decent thing, Labour authorities all too often leave problem schools in their areas without the leadership they need to raise standards.

10 The people of Stratford, who voted for a Conservative MP by large majority, would probably disagree. Conservative members might think instead of their MP in those fines of Coriolanus:

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MoD up in arms over sponsor plan

CHRIS BLACKHURST

British Aerospace, GEC and other defence suppliers could soon have their own "sponsored" units in the armed forces under plans currently being discussed in Whitehall.

The concept of a "Sponsored lend employees to the Ministry of Defeoce in time of emergency to help service and maintain equipment, was first raised by Malcolm Rifkind when he was Defence Secretary and is Reserve Forces Bill is expected to be included to the forth-

coming Queen's Speech. However, sponsorship and other measures mooted for the reserve are meeting with stiff sorship scheme, as part of a con-

equipment. Such personnel would receive some military training, although they would not be required to take part in

front-line fighting.

But some in the MoD regard
this hi-tech civilian force as another example of privatisation creeping into the military. They Reserve", where contractors fear for the engineers, mechanics and other regulars whose jobs could be under threat from civilians seconded from companies eager to win orders.

Another proposal which

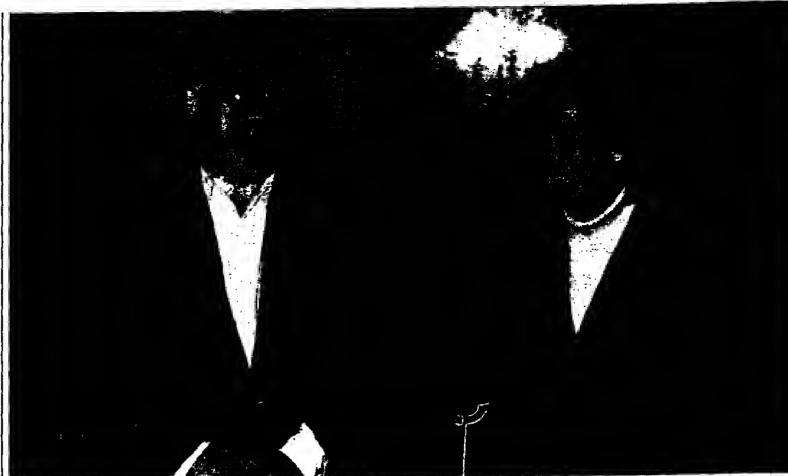
Ministry critics fear is designed now being considered by his suc- to obscure shortfalls in the regcessor Michael Portillo. A ular forces is the widening of call-out rules for reservists to cover peace-keeping humani-tarian and disaster relief operations. At the same time, those with specialist expertise linguists, medics and technicians resistance in some quarters of the MoD. Under the new spon-unw High Readiness Reserve. which officials admit has been tract to supply equipment, the manufacturer would agree also skills shortages in the regular

could be required to serve at any time, for up to nine mooths. "Who, if they are any good, can just take nine months off? What we will get will be the free-lancing, self-financing advecturers or back-room people -just the sort we do not want," said one regular officer.

Mr Portillo is also planning

to make it easier for reservists to serve with the regular forces for a set period. This too is being viewed with scepticism, as a charter for the unemployed to become soldiers. However, it is understood that that Mr Portillo will leave alone the powerful local reserve associations, headed by retired military top brass, which act as a buffer between the MoD and reserve units.

Labour is preparing for battle, believing the reserve is being used as a smoke screen for failings in the regular forces. David Clark MP, shadow defeoce spokesman, said: "We want a properly resourced



to provide the staff to service the forces. Members of the HRR armed forces, not a part-time Return of the native: Nobel Literature laureate Seamus Heaney meeting the Irish President Mary Robinson in Dublin Photograph: Earnonn Farre

IN BRIEF

Boy dies in fall from father's tanker

A six-year-old boy died after falling from a milk tanker being driven by his father. The child went under the vehicle at a junction of the A46 by-pass on the outskirts of Lincoln yesterday morning.

The tanker was owned by G Easton and Son Ltd, of Aiford and Lincoln. The company's transport manager, Andrew Easton, said last night: "We are all very sad about the news. The last I heard from the police, the driver was down at the police station and they are asking to have the vehicle inspected."

Britons shot in Moroccan hotel attack

Police in Morocco were hunting for an off-duty policeman, Mustapha Hamouch, 37, who shot dead two Brilons, Martin and Margaret Gower, of Ruislip, Middlesex, in a hotel in Tangiers. Also injured in the random attack were Patricia Sharratt, who suffered back wounds and was flown back to Britain last night, and Charlene Barker, 12, of Bradwell, Norfolk, who had hand injuries.

Fox-hunting clash

A British Field Sports Society official has been charged with a public order offence. Alistair Jackson, a former master of the Cattistock Foxhunt and southeast spokesman for the BFSS, was arrested in Yeovil, Somerset, after allegedly punching a hunt saboteur. He will appear before Yeovil magistrates on 20 November.

Windsurfing fatality

A 55-year-old windsurfer died on Lake Bala, North Wales, despite a tempts by onlookers to bring him ashore and revive him. Police said the man was from from Llandudno, Gwynedd.

Lord Habgood rebukes media

Lord Habgood, former Archbishop of York, in the Priestland Memorial Lecture on BBC Radio 4, accessed the media of using snap comments and flip dismissals to perpetuate "a culture of contempt".

National Lottery draw

Three tickets shared the £9.2m jackpot in Saturday's lottery draw. The winning numbers were: 28, 37, 10, 30, 36, 22; the bonus, 45.

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Alison David and Todd Faith during their wedding service at the Hacienda club

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Fascists plan to wreck England's night in Oslo

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The extreme right-wing group, Combat 18, is planning violent disruptions during England's football match against Norway

on Wednesday, according to an internal newsletter. Wednesday night's game will be the first international Eng-

land have played on foreign soil since rioting stopped their match earlier this year against the Irish Republic in Dublin. Combat 18 were helieved to have been responsible for orchestrating much of the violence in Duhlin, including making fascist salutes, shouting anti-IRA slogans and hurling missiles. The rioting in February resulted in the arrest of 41 English supporters and three Irish fans. About 40 people

were injured.

The British authorities and the Football Association are desperate to avoid any repeti-tion of the mayhem in Ireland that led to fighting on the streets, particularly in the runup to European Championships in England next year.

However, Searchlight, the anti-fascist magazine, has seen news bulletin published by

ganisation boasts it is going to the game in Oslo for more violence. The high level of policing and intelligence, combined with the expense of getting to Norway, makes it likely that if any trouble does flare up it will happen outside the stadium, probably in bars and clubs.

Tony Robson, a researcher at Searchlight, said: "Combat have made it clear they want to do something that will hit the headlines. They enjoyed the publicity over Dublin and want to do it again and cause a ma-

"It will be much harder in Norway because the police are taking it very seriously. It's more likely to be a drunken rampage with violence before or after the match rather than in

He added: "We suspect a lot of them are already over there to avoid being spotted by the police who will be checking peo-

officers from the football intelligence unit at the National Criminal Intelligence Service have been working closely with the Norwegian authorities and have provided them with information about known hooli-

They have predicted that up

to 250 people without tickets will travel to Norway, many of whom are expected to be looking for trouble. The Football Association still has some of its allocated 500 tickets available, although convicted hooligans

are banned from buying them. NCIS will provide "spotters" who will mingle with the English supporters to help identify known thugs. Norway will refuse entry to any convicted "supporters" and have vowed to prosecute troublemakers.

A spokeswoman for NCIS said the football intelligence officers did not have any evidence to suggest Combat 18 or any formal organisation was preparing to go to Norway. In the past NCIS has argued that groups of booligans were often aligned to specific football clubs rather than political organisations.

She said: "There's always a risk when England are playing away. There could be trouble, but because so few are likely to go to the match and with the cooperation of the Norwegian police, we believe it is unlikely we shall see serious distur-

She said NCIS had received reports of people from British right wing groups linking up with Danish counterparts.

Couple rock to marriage made in the Hacienda

DECCA AITKENHEAD

ry yesterday, as the first pair to wed in a British night club. Manchester's Hacienda club hosted the ceremony, followed by a twelve-hour extravaganza of installation art, alternative music and live performances which included the groom's, own "Body Fluids" safe sex

Alison David, 22, a singer from London, married Manchester video director Todd Faith, 35. on stage before an audience of 1,500 friends and relatives to, the strains of Here Comes The Bride, played on Jimmy Hendrix-style rock guitar and flanked by a best man wearing a white loin cloth and wings The couple exchanged vows using microphones. The bride wore a swirling hooped and hologrammed dress of love hearts, the groom, a me-

The couple's mothers then

four sang vows written by the A couple made marital histo- newlyweds. An altar was provided and Alison's mother, a reverend, gave a blessing. An organist had been booked but was forbidden to play at the night club by his church.

An eclectic marathon of entertainments ensued. The bride and her band, Life's Addiction, performed, and fol-lowed by Todd's Aids awareness show, for which volunteers came forward to dress as con-

- A fashion show, a tea dance, a jazz quintet, poetry readings, films and other live bands followed. It was the first wedding to be given a club logo - Love

The worlds of fashion and music were well represented among the guests. Dress code for men ranged from morning suits to glittering dresses, while babes in arms mingled with face painted New Agers. Film crews and photographers from

appeared on stage and the style and fashion magazines were present.

Desoite the highly modern nature of the occasion, the bride said the couple's motives were entirely traditional. "A wedding signifies, to me, romance and love and a belief in commitment to a relationship. It doesn't signify a ball and chain - it's simply the most romantic thing you could ever

The wedding followed last April's change in the law, which allowed any venue to apply for a licence to host a civil marriage ceremony. The new law stipulates that the premises must be duly dignified and not detract form the solemnity of marriage. To date, 700 new venues have been licensed, including Granada TV studios and Aston Villa FC.

"Some authorities do appear to have taken a liberal interpretation of the guidelines," commented the Office of Census and Population Studies.

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Blood service crisis as staff exodus bites

LOUISE JURY

The threat of closure hanging over a third of Britain's blood transfusion centres has caused a massive exocus of qualified staff, bringing the service close

to breaking point.
The Independent has discovered that Lancaster has lost tirree-fifths of its qualified personnel, Liverpool one-third . including a senior scientific of-ficer, who left for a job in Switzerland - and Brentwood in Essex two-fifths of staff, since the closure proposals were an-nounced. Attracting qualified

replacements is proving difficult.
While all the staff emphasised that professional pride ensured blood was safe, many claimed the system was "showing signs

The findings emerge as the National Blood Authority came under fire yesterday for exporting factor eight, a vital

blood by-product, despite fears that making money from donors might jeopardise their good will.

Radical reforms to the blood transfusion service were recommended in September last year in an independent consultants' report aimed at trimming £10m from its £135m

annual budget.
After consultation, the National Blood Authority, which runs the service, handed pro-posals to the Government sug-gesting closing a third of the 15 gional centres.

But a decision has been continually delayed amid a series of embarrassments including the faulty Tuta bag scandal and a row over proposed sponsor-ship by Ribena and McVitie's. Staff claim the uncertainty has created a form of "planner's blight". One insider said: "Unless all your staff have sufficient knowledge, there must be a risk mechanically. Things are be-

ginning to slow down."

John Simmons, of the union Manufacturing Science Fi-nance, said. The problems are all over the country. They're having difficulties in Leeds and recruitment in Newcastle is pretty grim. Southampton and Cambridge are similar. Yet dosure would save comparatively little money, he claimed: The bulk of the annual budget goes on blood collection, not the centres' work of testing and pro-

At Lancaster, a special quality audit was undertaken on Thursday and Friday because of fears over the impact of the exodus of about 25 out of 40 staff. A senior scientist, Ivor Thompson, said: "Everything is more difficult because we've got less experienced people who re-quire more supervision. People

of the systems falling apart. Un- are pulling out all the stops to qualified staff have to work try to keep things running

Andy Ford, the MSF repre sentative in Liverpool, said: "It's just on the edge of a very severe crisis." He daimed only enabled them to attract graduates as replacement staff, but they needed two years to train. Oxford lost its quality assur-ance manager in February. He was not replaced due to an em-

bargo on recruiting senior staff. In Brentwood, B oratory worker said: "The qualified staff are working too fast and the new people miss things.

It is not endangering patients, but it's impairing efficiency. A National Blood Authority spokesman denied there was a national problem. "The number of staff leaving has increased but we're seeking to make sure that the service and the prod-uct is not affected by that."

Justice at last for murdered Briton's family

Phil Davison reports on the long path to convicting a millionaire's killers

The millionaire British businessman Howard Bates came to Miami on 6 February, 1991, to sack Maggie Carr, the young chief accountant of the American surgical supplies company he financed. He had discovered that around \$1m of the mooey

he invested had gone missing.
Mr Bates, a 43-year-old former RAF pilot and father of three, arrived at the north-west Miami headquarters of Bolden Products straight from Miami International Airport but was lured to a dark office by the then 27-year-old Carr and the company's chairman, Albert Lucio. There he was gunned down by Carr's former lover, Wayne Merced, while the other two

looked on. After more than four and a half years of investigation, tri-als and one mistrial, Carr, now 31, was finally convicted of first degree murder by a Miami court at the weekend a tomatically sentenced to life imprisonment. Under local law, she will serve 25 years before parole is even considered.

Prosecutors in Florida's Dade County, where a jury convicted Carr, described her as "Bonnie" to Lucio's "Clyde", in the light of the cold-blooded way they organised the killing. However, unlike the historical gangsters, they were not lovers, although Carr and Merced, the man who pulled the trigger, had

been once. Merced, a 28-year-old gas repair man, now serving 43 years in jail after handing himself in. told the county court he had killed Mr Bates on Carr's behalf because he had been "in a gallant mood." He had hoped to win back the woman who had called off their wedding, describing him as a "ditch digger" who couldn't satisfy her sexual needs. Lucio, serving 40 years, did not testify at Carr's trial.

Mr Bates's disappearance remained a mystery for two years until Merced came for-



science was troubling him but may have had an eye on avoiding the death penalty by collaboration against Carr and Lucio. The latter had been plies company, Bolden Prod-ucts, in which Mr Bates was the chief investor. Together, Carr and Lucio had embezzled close

to \$3m from their backers. Wheo Carr first got wind of Mr Bates's suspicions, she sent Lucio to kill him in England before Christmas 1990. She sent a .357 Magnum pistol. disguised in a large package of hair dryers, to Lucio at the Heathrow Sheratoo hotel.

When Lucio went to Mr Bates's home, the businessman wasn't in and he lost his nerve. A maid at the Sheratoo discovered the pistol and 49 bul-lets hidden in his room.

On February 6, Lucio and Carr hared Mr Bates to an unlit office at Boldeo Products, where Merced crouched in a corner. Mcreed shot the Mr Bates with a 9mm pistol and wanted to leave but, according to his testimony, Carr told him: 'He's alive and suffering. You're going to have to shoot him again." Merced did so before helping Lucio dispose of the body.

Atlantic invaders thrill birdwatchers

A mini-invasion of American migrants in Britain and Ireland provided the main thrills as thousands of ornithological enthusiasts celebrated World Birdwatch yesterday.

England's top spot for oceancrossing arrivals was on the Isles of Scilly, with a yellow-rumped warbler and a redeyed vireo spotted on Tresco sland, and another red-eyed vireo on St Mary's. Vireos have also been reported at Hook Head, Ireland. A white-rumped sandpiper, also blown off course while migrating from North to South America for the winter, was seen in Wexford Monarch butterfiles, too, rode the gales over the Atlantic, and were seen on the Isles of Scilly, and in Cornwall and Dorset.

But not all feathered attractions were American. In Scotland, bird-watchers travelled north of Aberdeen to see a beeexter from southern Europe. A millioo bird-watchers

world-wide turned out over the weekend to celebrate an increasingly popular pastime, and to back environment-boosting

campaigns. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, with almost 900,000 members, staged more than 140 promo-tional sessions in the UK, and BirdLife International united conservation groups with birdwatchers in more than 80 countries, many of which are facing threats to wildlife habitats.

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Scientists await the call to Nobel super-stardom

STEVE CONNOR

Shortly before 10.30 this morning, Professor Nils Ringertz of the Karolinska Institute io Stockholm will pick up the tele-phone to tell one of the world's leading scientists that he or she has won the 1995 Nobel Prize for Medicine

For the winner (the prize can actually be shared among up to three researchers), the award means scientific super-stardom. The mystique of the prize is such that the winners' words and opinions are widely reported and carry weight even oo topics far removed from their scientific competence.

Today's announcement will be followed oo Wednesday when the Swedish Academy of Sciences reveals the chemistry and the physics awards. This year each prize is worth seven millioo Swedish krona (£1m).

The scieotific Nobels have largely escaped the controver-sy which the literature prize sometimes attracts. According to Professor Sten Grillner, of the Karolinska's Nobel Assembly, "we are very glad. It has not happened because we have a long process. Each year the Assembly sends out to 3,000 researchers an offer to nominate

candidates for the prize". The request for nominations goes to learned societies, such as the US National Academy of Sciences and Britain's Royal Society, and on a two-yearly rotating basis to large universities such as Oxford, Harvard and Stanford, as well as less wellknown ones on a longer cycle. "About 250 to 300 commate every year," Prof Grillner said, and the nominations arrive at

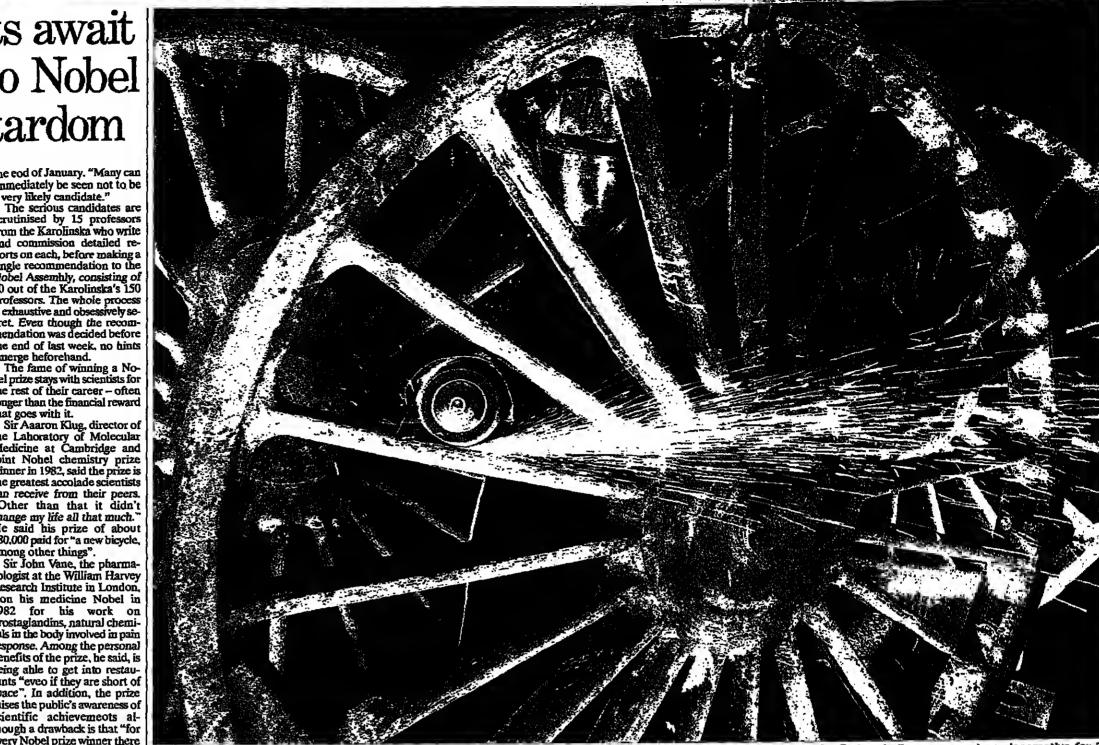
the eod of January. "Many can immediately be seen not to be a very likely candidate."

The serious candidates are scrutinised by 15 professors from the Karolinska who write and commission detailed reports on each, before making a single recommendation to the Nobel Assembly, consisting of 50 out of the Karolinska's 150 professors. The whole process is exhaustive and obsessively secret. Even though the recom-mendation was decided before the end of last week, no hints emerge heforehand.

The fame of winning a Nobel prize stays with scientists for the rest of their career - often longer than the financial reward

that goes with it. Sir Aaaron Klug, director of the Lahoratory of Molecular Medicine at Cambridge and joint Nohel chemistry prize winner in 1982, said the prize is the greatest accolade scientists can receive from their peers. "Other than that it didn't change my life all that much." He said his prize of about £80,000 paid for "a new bicycle, among other things".

cologist at the William Harvey earch Institute in London, won his medicine Nobel in 1982 for his work on prostaglandins, natural chemicals in the body involved in pain response. Among the personal benefits of the prize, he said, is being able to get into restau-rants "eveo if they are short of space". In addition, the prize raises the public's awareness of scientific achievements although a drawback is that "for every Nobel prize winner there have got it in other fields".



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School standards 'put at risk by price war'

A price war has broken out between rival groups of private public sector secondary school inspectors, forcing down fees to a point where both sides say quality is being threatened.

Private firms which now hid for contracts against local authorities and universities say they may be forced to pull out because they can no longer make a profit and maintain standards.

Local authorities claim they have anecdotal evidence that some private inspectors have failed to spot had schools. The average cost of a secondary school inspection is down from between £22,000 and £25,000 two years ago to between £16,500 and £17,500 today.

The Government introduced four-yearly privatised inspections three years ago under the supervision of the Office for Standards in Education, Ofsted. While officials are struggloug to find enough inspectors for the 21,000 primary schools, the market for secondary school in-

spections is buoyant, with as

many as 14 operators competing to inspect some schools. Local authority teams oow account for about 45 per ceot of all secondary inspections compared with 78 per ceot in 1993, with the rest being cov-

ered by private operators. However, some private operators say they may have to pull out of inspections if the price war cootinues. Others are happy to make a loss on inspections hecause they raise their credibility in the education world.

And groups with retired members of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of schools, now abolished, are able to charge lower prices than their rivals.

A few university department

which have lost teacher training

work because of the Government's introduction of schoolbased training schemes are also entering the market. Some local authority teams are using part of the money they make oo primary inspection to subsidise secondary work. Uo-

erators, they are legally bound to do inspections at oo more or less than cost price. Private operators are be-

like universities and private op-

coming increasingly frustrated because they cannot win contracts to inspect secondary schools at a price which allows them to do the job properly.

of CfBT Education Services of Reading, one of the higgest private operators, said its policy of maintaining proper training and quality col cost money."I don't believe that it is possible for organisations, whether public or private, to make a reasonable margin on conducting secondary inspec-

tions at the current prices. Alan Parker, education officer for the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said: "We have anecdotal evidence that private inspectors are failing to identify schools that the local authority knows are at risk."

But Ofsted dismissed the idea that the rigour of inspections was threatened. "We monitor quality very carefully so teams have to maintain it if they are to continue getting work.

DAILY POEM

Personal Column

By Connie Bensley

Married man would like to meet girl, affectionate, petite, for afternoon diversion.

married man. It will to cheat he hopes for a conversion.

Jane writes off from school to meet -. married man. He sounds so sweet she longs for the excursion.

Blackmailer would like to meet married man, to make discreet enquiries re perversion.

Now his wife would like to meet man - her eyes are cold as sleet she writes: I am a blonde, petite. and spoiling for diversion.

Thursday sees the publication, oo National Poetry Day, of the fourth Forward Book of Poetry and the announcement of this year's Forward Poetry prizes. The anthology includes poems shortlisted for the three prizes, but also individual poems submitted by publishers, small presses and little magazines. In this section are to be found the work of Rita Dove, Selima Hill, Michael Hofmann, Mimi Khalvati, James Lasdun and Connie Bensley, amongst others. Proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Forward Poetry Trust, which administers the National Poetry Day.

Half of workforce 'depressed by stress'

Half the country's workforce are depressed because they feel they are under increased stress in their jobs, a survey is to reveal today.

One in three people are working longer hours than they want to and half are oot getting overtime pay for their extra hours, the survey says The study by the pollster NOP for Granada TV's World

in Action says that the stresses caused by an increase in hours and the fear of unemployment are costing the country billions of pounds a year.

Professor Cary Cooper, ao occupational psychologist, says on the programme, broadcast tonight: "It is a time bomb in our society and we are going to pay the cost."

Professor Cooper was the author of a booklet on stress controversially axed by the Department of Health this week. The department said recent research disputed the link between heart attacks and longer working hours.

Professor Cooper, from the University of Manchester Institute of Scieoce and Technology, says on the programme that the stress problem is moving from the shop floor into white collar professions.

"The bill last year to the UK economy was £11hn due to sickness absence alone, of which we'll say conservatively that a third is stress related, he says.

The survey, of 1,003 full-time workers, says that 63 per cent felt they were under more stress at work than five years ago. As a result 44 per cent said they had trouble sleeping, 26 per cent drank more because of work and 22 per cent smoked

Sixty per cent said they were exhausted at the end of the working day and 56 per cent said they did not have coough time for family or personal relationships. Almost a third expected the stress level to rise in the next two years, while 58 percent said fear of losing their jobs was the reason for working harder.

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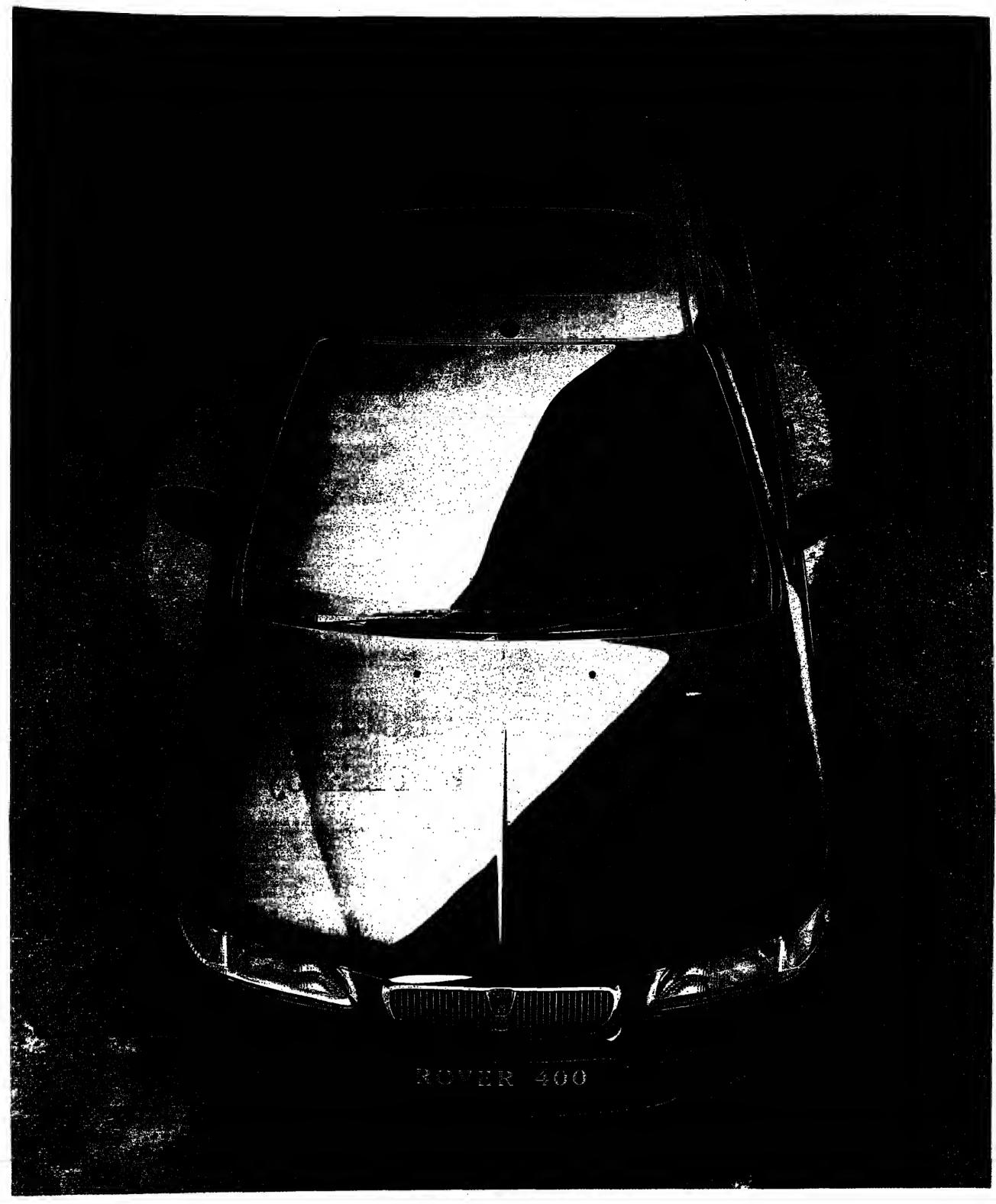






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Top lawyer offers to work three days a year for free survey of 500 firms' earnings in 1993-94. The sample suggests up

Stung by Tony Blair's plea to lawyers to serve society by working unpaid, one of the highest-paid QCs is promising to give three days a year free. Peter Goldsmith QC, who

was estimated in a survey among the profession to earn between £750,000 and £1m a year, called on his highly-paid colleagues to follow his exam-ple. He said he was open to offers for the best use of his three days, which work out at about £3,500 each.

His suggestion was a re-sponse to a call from the Lahour leader, a qualified barrister, at last week's conference in Brighton. Tony Blair's wife, Cherie Booth QC, already does some pro bono work and the Labour front-bench spokesman Paul Boateng, a qualified har-rister and solicitor, also gives some of his time free.

Mr Goldsmith said pro bono work should not be a substitute for adequate legal aid, adding

Mr Goldsmith, a commercial law expert, made the offer during a debate at the solicitors' anoual conference in Birmingham over the weekend. He suggest-ed that even civil law specialists could do useful work by fighting complex test cases where the litigant could oot otherwise af-

ford to go to court, or giving free

to 800 out of 70,000 solicitors

are earning less than £10,000. The bigger the firm, the better the salaries. For 2- to 4-partner

firms, the worst-paid 25 per cent averaged £24,000 a year; for 11-

to 25-partner firms the average

among the bottom 25 per cent

Last week Lord Woolf, a Law Lord, criticised young spe-cialist barristers who earn more

than his own £109,000 a year

salary. He reinforced his mes-

sage during the debate in Birmingham saying: "I was saying it was in their own, the profes-sion's and justice's long-term

interests only to charge rea-

sonable fees. The same is true

of the solicitor's side of the pro-

The Bar hit back this week-eod. Young harristers doing criminal legal aid work often

earned as little as £15,000 a year

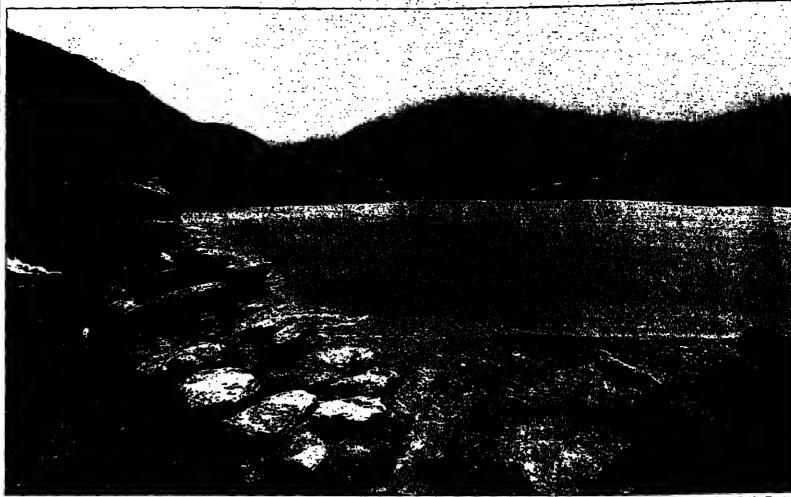
in their early years, it said.

was £51,000.

counsel's opinions.
The conference was told that a few hundred solicitors may be earning less than £10,000 a year. Most of those on low salaries are high street solicitors working alone, who are still relying oo conveyancing work, where prices have heeo squeezed by the property recession and competition from licensed conveyancers.

The Law Society's new president, Martin Mears, is trying to find ways to enforce fixed conveyancing fees at a higher level and to restrict numbers entering the profession to reduce

"If you want somebody to fix The Law Society's research out fee works out at £74 for the and policy adviser, John Jenkins, revealed the findings of a first hour," Mr Goldsmith said. Reservoir dregs pose threat to Lakeland



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A water-tight bargain that will put paid to worries about droughts, hosepipe bans and bathing restrictions, has come on the market.

A 225-million gallon reservoir in the Lake District is seeking a oew proprietor. The current owner of the Kentmere reservoir in Cumbria is offering to hand over the reservoir for free to new owners because it no longer needs the water supply for its papermaking business.

In return for picking up the £100,000 repair bill and annual maintenance costs of between £2,500 and £3,000 the oew owner could enjoy the cootents of the reservoir, name-

Due to modern recycling technology, James Cropper, of Burneside, Cumbria, no longer has any manufacturing requirement for the reservoir it has owned for the last 150

Even in the driest of summers there has been no oeed to reg-ulate the flow of the river by releasing water from the reser-

The company's chairman, James Cropper, fears that un-

less someone is forthcoming the reservoir will have to be breached. "I would be delighted to hand over the reservoir for free to anyone who wants it," he

"Obviously they would have to maintain it and get it inspected by an engineer once every six months at a cost of £700 to £800 as well as every 10 years, in accordance with the 1975 Reservoirs Act."

North West Water and the National Rivers Authority (NRA) have both declined invitations to resurrect the reservoir following its drainage for inspection last March.

Lancashire Education Authority, which rents the reservoir keeper's cottage as an outdoor centre for pupils, was offered the reservoir as a gift, hot turned it down. Apparently, Mr Cropper cannot even give away the blighted beauty spot.

A spokeswoman for the NRA said: "We investigated whether the Kentmere reservoir would be of use to pollution control, flooding, fisheries, water resources or recreation. We concluded that the cost of actually maintaining the reservoir would outweigh any benefits that we could get financially.

When someone owns a reservoir the responsibility for maintenance lies with them. We simply can't do it. We have to work to taxpayers' demands."

Dismayed at the oews, Mr Cropper said: "The NRA hasn't confirmed this to me in writing but it sounds to me like it would welcome the reservoir heing breached. Any empty

reservoir is not a pretty sight."
Until recently locals and visitors walked around the lonely shores, enjoying the reflection of the horseshoe of fells in the sparkling water. The route was particularly popular with peo-ple who did not dare go oo the high fells. Now they are greet-ed by a scene of desolation, a blot oo the beautiful Lake District landscape.

Ian Brodie, secretary of Frieods of the Lake District, said: "Mr Cropper's company is obviously a successful one. It would be nice to see it maintaining important landscape features on the land that it owns. This reservoir is part of the industrial archaeology of the area and if it is left empty obviously it will drastically after the landscape.

Firefighters to extend strikes

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Firefighters' leaders on Merseyside are today expected to or-der an escalation of industrial action in a dispute that is increasingly seen as a test case for

the service throughout Britain. Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union yesterday expressed con-fidence that their 1,700 members in the North-west were voting "overwhelmingly" to es-calate 9-hour strikes to 24 hours in protest at job cuts.

The union has pencilled in Tuesday next week for the first day-long walk-out and has warned that the wording of the ballot could allow 48-hour stoppages, with each firefighter

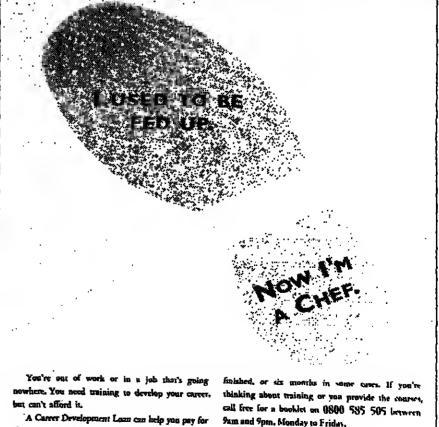
striking for 24 hours over two-days. The Merseyside firefighters have already staged six strikes, including a stoppage last Saturday, in protest at the threatened loss of 20 jobs and

three days' annual leave.
Ken Cameron, general secretary of the FBU, predicted a "massive" majority in favour of tougher action in the ballot result due today: "Let's hope when management sees the vote it will concentrate their minds and produce some commonsense

He said every fire authority had been forced to look for savings because of government cuts, but only Merseyside had sought to make compulsory re-

The union commissioned the City accountants KPMG to produce a report on alternative means of saving the oecessary £700,000, but the FBU claims management has ignored it. The union said the KPMG proposals would allow the authority to make sufficient savings without compulsory joh losses. Mr Cameron believes there is a threat of far deeper cuts if the union fails to stop the prescot

The authority said the union had supplied management with a two-page version of the ex-tensive KPMG study, to which the authority had responded in a seven-page document. How-ever, the union had refused to supply the whole document.



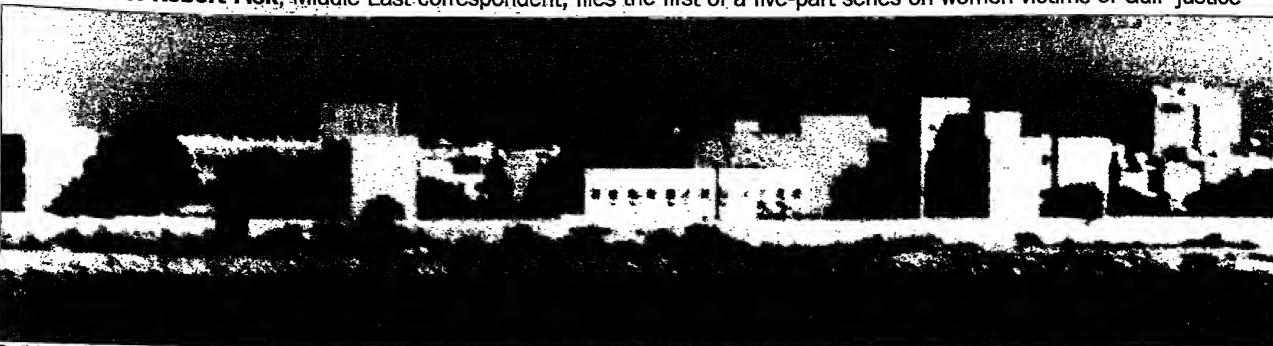
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Death in Dammam: In the Al-Mabahith Al-'Ama compound in this Saudi coastal town, Leonarda Akula; accused of killing her amployer and his family, was held in 1993 before she was taken away to be beheaded

Secret Saudi executions shame the West

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Amid a frenzy of executions in the Arab Gulf states, at least 12 women have been put to death after Islamic trials, most of them publicly beheaded by the sword in Saudi Arabia. The majority of the executions were kept secret from all but spectators for fear of public reaction in the West and followed unfair hearings which often denied the women defence lawyers.

Among the more shocking cases over the past three years were a mother and her daughter who were decapitated together in front of an audience of men in a Dhahran market last August for allegedly killing the elder woman's husband.

In most cases, the condemned women - who include not only Saudis but Filipina, Sri Lankan, Nigerian, Indonesian and Pakistani nationals - were taken from their prisons to bebeheaded without warning that they were about to meet their death. In the Saudi coastal town of Dammam, a Christian Philipina accused of killing her employer and his family was dragged into a public square in 1993, forced to kneel on the ground where her male executioner snatched her scarf from her head before decapitating her with a sword.

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seven-man firing squad shot her dead for killing her employer's child - a crime she had told her fellow prisoners she never committed. She was 19.

The nature of the Islamic trials and the cruel methods of execution call into question the morality of the West's military and political support for Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states whose supposedly civilised values were defended by 500,000 US, British and other Western troops after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990. Not a single Western embassy, however, is reported to have protested at the beheading of women - nor at the increasingly ferocious lashing of hundreds of foreign female workers in the Gulf for alleged misdemeanors.

The chilling list of executions, with most of the women under 30, will increase fears for Sarah Balahagan, the 16-year old Muslim Filipina housemaid whose death sentence for the murder of her employer comes before an Abu Dhabi appeal court this morning. She was only 14 when she killed the elderly man, whom she claimed tried to rape her. Amnesty and other human rights organisations have appealed for her to be spared.

The rapidly increasing num-Khaimar last April, a Sri ber of women beheaded in Lankan girl stood weeping in Saudi Arabia – six this year the prison courtyard before a slone - has shocked even nor-

al sharia Islamic law but the principles of execution are in doobt," a Sandi Islamist intellectual told the *Independent*yesterday. Nobody can produce anything from the Koran
which says the only way to ex-

ecute people is by beheading -this is an old Nejdi' tribal tradition and has nothing to do with Islam. Fear of a breakdown in security is pushing our rulers to put women as well as men un-

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Of the 12 women known to have been executed in the Gulf over the past 32 months, 10 were put to death for alleged murder, 4 for killing their hus-bands, one for killing her father, one for killing a stepdaughter, two for killing employers and three on drugs-related offences. One woman, a Saudi named Patima bint Abdullah, was publicly beheaded on 27 March this

year for allegedly running a brothel and "chewing qat", a leaf containing a mild drug from Yemen. According to a Saudi source, it was the qui rather than hrothel-keeping that prompted the Islamic court

to sentence Fatima to death. Several of the executed women appear to have been deeply mentally disturbed when they committed their alleged crimes. Several were crimes of passion. The Filipina maid who was accused of murdering her ry narcotics. But she was pub-

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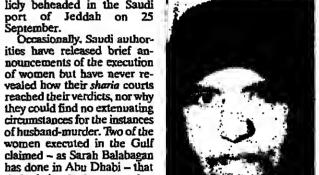
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their victims had attempted to rape them. Dozens of expatriate female workers from developing countries have been deported or have fled Gulf states after their employers had beaten or raped

The bodies of foreign women beheaded in Saudi Arabia, however, have never been repairiated to their home countries - Saudi authorities routinely refuse to reply to such requests.
Outside the Gulf, women

have been largely spared capi-tal punishment, although Jordan hanged a young housewife in November 1993 - the second woman to be executed in the country's history.
Identified as "Tamatheel S",

she was taken to the gallows in Sawaka prison outside Amman for allegedly beating her elderhusband to death with a brick and burning his body



Zahra Habib Mansur al-Nasser: 'Fatally tortured'

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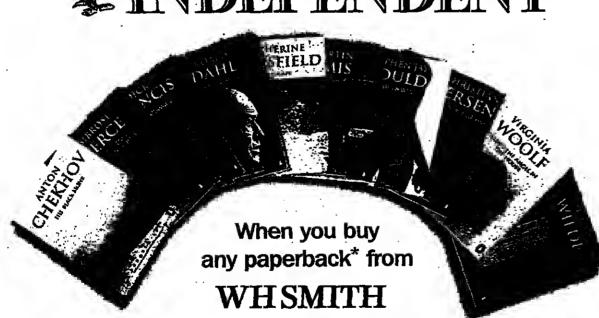
The first of the recent female deaths at the hands of the Saudi police was reported by Amnesty International, who say that Zahra Hahib Mansur al-Nasser, a 40-year old Shia Muslim housewife from Awiam in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, was arrested with her husband on the Saudi-Jordanian border in July, 1989, with a photograph of the Ayatoliah Khomeini in her baggage.

Both were taken to the Hudaitha detention centre where the woman was reportedly tortured to death by Saudi securi-

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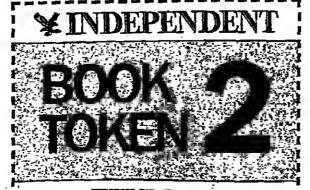
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Balkans conflict: On the eve of the ceasefire, Sarajevo almost relaxes but Bosnia's armies still strive for last-gasp gains



Three Muslim Sarajevans enjoying yesterday's sunny weather near the city's destroyed library

A Sunday stroll in besieged city that waits for peace

EMMA DALY

A Sunday afternoon stroll shine is a rare pleasure come jevo, accustomed for so long to venturing out, knowing, feeling that every trip out could be their last. Most of those walking the streets yesterday did so from ed - buses are rare, the tramline is limited and petrol is exive - but they were able to

anjoy peace and quiet.
"It's lovely, everything is better. But look where we are standing: a sniper could shoot at any time," said Almira Kovacevic, a young blonde in huge dark glasses, pointing at the rusting, bullet-ridden wreck of an articulated lorry parked at a from the gummen 500 yards away across the front line.

certainty that is killing people here. We can walk safely along the streets, but we are still imbuildings looming over the prisoned. I can walk from Bascarcija but only to the edge of Nedzarici," she said. The out-er limits of her world stretch from the Old Town, some 10 miles west towards the Serb-

held suburb beside the airport. Her companion, Nedzad Musovic, armed with the essential Sarajevo accessory, a modified shopping trolley to hand water, wood and other sup-plies, is pessimistic about the ceasefire brokered by the US envoy, Richard Holbrooke, due to start at midnight. "It's a nice idea, but tough to make real,"

If all goes well, water, gas and electricity should flow in even split, it seems but almost veryone sees the future as a glass half-empty. The good life does not exist, only that which gets less bad.

There's no shooting now but we still don't have water, gas and electricity," said Minka, who ives with her husband and two daughters in a pock-marked

The family moved out of their own flat - or rather, out of the tiny front room they ate, drank and slept in for three years, the other rooms barri-caded against Serb shells and caded against Serb shells and bullets fired from the line across the street – two months ago and in to a flat in the adjoining block. "It could so easily be like last year – a few months of cease-fire and then it all starts up

again," she said, "This is not peace, nor freedom. The Serbs are still only 15 miles from my house, and as long as they remain, there will be no peace."

"Freedom will come from the

definitely the end." From their balcony, the

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er blocks gutted by fire - Min-Alisa and Alma, heard the screams of the dying trapped inside - and every facade scarred by shrapnel marks and bulketholes. The grass has long gone, patch, the windows of long-dead shops draped in tattered blan-kets to hamper snipers. That nightmare is over, it seems. plan, if it is fully implemented - will still hring only a half-life to the city. The flow of cars has increased, but not enough to require too much order. The trams are running in the new town, but not along the road known as Sniper Alley. Shops

milk, jelly babies (or the Ger-It is not enough for Minka. but Alisa and her friend Maja. a Scrb forced to flee the suburb of Grbavica, 20 miles away, are easier to please; perhaps they need to believe. "It's time for the war to end. I can walk normally in the streets - but I'm still not safe, I still feel afraid." Alisa said. "Everything will be

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resolved over time." "Everything will be solved over the water and electricity," Maja said. "But what happened between people ... " She paused. Very bad things happened, that can't be forgotten quickly. It's not clear to me how that will work out, how that will be resolved between people. Perhaps it will happen over time."

Midhad's army drinking buddy, Alem, broke in. "Water, gas, electricity - it doesn't matter. We've lived more or less without them for three and a half the animals who did this." Crudely put, but Alèm is right: political negotiatious," inter- no one same would test the ected her husband, Midhad, his ceasefire by strolling across a spirits invigorated by a glass or front-line bridge. Water may two of loza. "And until then, so flow, and guns stienced but what?" said Minka crossly. "It there will be no real life in the will never be as bad as it was in city until its division is over-'92 and '93, but I've lived the turned and its Serb besiegers same way since the first day of somehow brought back on side.

Six killed in last-minute Serb shelling

Sarajevo - As Bosnia's armics fought for last-minute gams before a ceasefire due to take effect at midnight, six civilians were killed and more than 30 wounded, many of them children, by a cluster bomb fired at a refugee camp near the government-held town of Tuzla, in what appeared to he Bosnian Serb revenge for recent hattlefield losses, writes Emma Daly. The UN air base at Tuzla was also shelled, bringing the risk of retaliatory air strikes.

The first shell, armed with a cluster bomb filled with shrapnel, hit the refugee centre in Zivinice, south of Tuzla, as children were playing outside in the sunshine.

A local doctor, Duska Bericevic, said 20 children were among more than 30 wounded, and many were in "extremely serious" condition. Bosnian television, whose

cameras arrived only minutes after the attack in Zivinice, showed several of the two dozen injured children awaiting treatment. They said four children and two women were killed in the attack.

Two minutes later, a shell hit the air base without causing any damage; the refugee centre and the air base were hit again in the early afternoon, but there were no further casualties.

Although Tuzla is a UN-de-clared "safe area", peace-keeping officials said they could not determine whether Zivinice lay within the protected zone. But the UN was "considering a range of responses" to the attack on the peace-keepers. There have been phone calls made between the UN and Nato," an official said, implying air strikes were an option. The Croatian state news agency said Serb planes also dropped cluster bombs on villages in the Croat-held Usora River valley in northern Bosnia, causing dozens of civilian casualties. The attacks came as the

Bosnian Army and its Croatian

Heavy fighting was reported along the line between the contested town of Otoka, close to the Croatian border, and Kliuc. which fell to the Bosnian Army last month. "We shall see the results this evening and tomorrow," said Brigadier Mirsad Selmanovic, second in command of the Bosnian Fifth Corps, amid speculation that the government was seeking to improve its position before the truce takes effect. It is due to begin at midnight - if electricity and gas supplies are restored to Sarajevo by then. The UN and aid agencies

front lines in north and central

Bosnia, reporting gains near the Serb-held town of Doboj.

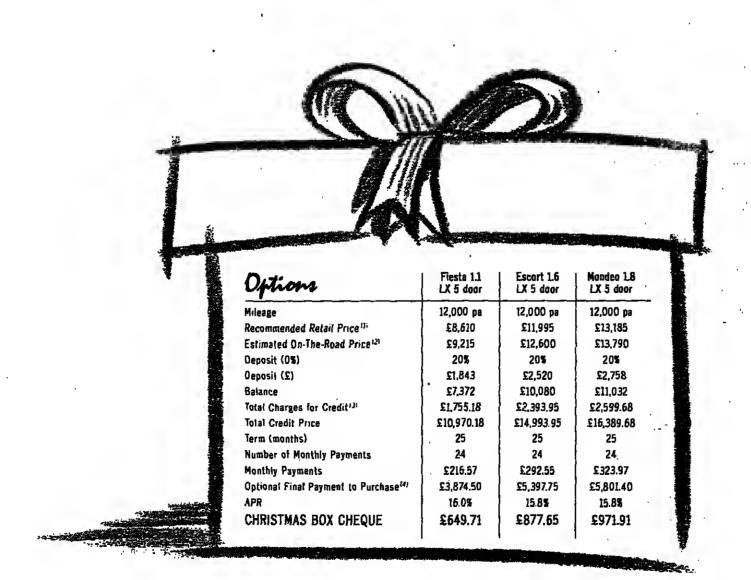
are making frantic efforts to meet the deadline despite initial recalcitrance from the warring factions and a row over an unpaid gas bill. French peace-keepers yes-

terday supervised a three-way mine-clearing party of Serbs, Croats and Bosnian troops, who removed explosives from a front-line area to allow engineers to start repairing pylons and electric lines. "We hope by dark tomorrow it can be completed," said a UN official.

Gas is unlikely to reach the city until tomorrow - if all goes well at a meeting in Moscow today between Bosnian officials and the Russian gas company, owed \$106m (£67m) for supplies since the war began. Engineers from the British Overseas Development Administration (ODA), who are expecting to work non-stop once the Russians give the green light, say the system could be running a day. "The process can be compressed because of the urgency," said Tony James of the ODA. "You may be talking about 10 or 12 hours to the outskirts of Sarajevo. We'd miss the deadline because we would work all tomorrow night and the gas would be into the city on

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JONATHAN CLAYTON Washington - Nato is reeling from fresh allegations of corruption against its Belgian

Secretary-General, Willy Claes. Just as the alliance enters one of the most critical periods in its history, the completion of planning for a Bosnian peace implementation force, furious speculation has again broken out over Claes's political future. Nato diplomats are worried

that his presence may weaken the alliance, and are questioning how long he can hang on. "It is terribly debilitating. At a time like this, his concentration has to be on the job 100 per cent, he can't disappear into pri-vate meetings with lawyers,"

said one diplomat. The issue of Mr Claes's involvement in a bribery scandal. which dogged him for several weeks earlier this year, pushed its way back to centre-stage on Friday after the Belgian media reported that the country's and bring them before the conhighest constitutional court had recommended to parliament that he face charges oo

corruption and fraud. More bad news could come his way today, when the Belgian court's report is discussed by a pecial parliamentary commis sion. The 11-strong panel will decide on procedure on Tuesday. In Belgium politicians can only be investigated with the approval of parliament, which has the right to indict ministers

stitutional court.

Scandal threatens Nato chief's future

Nato sources say that all of Mr Claes's attention should be focused on organising the biggest and most dangerous ground operation ever launched by the military alliance, rather than on newspaper headlines.

The allegations against Mr-Claes centre around a bribery scandal, involving the Italian helicopter company Agusta when he was economics minister in 1988, an incident which has con-

vulsed Belgian politics for the anything wrong," he told a said a senior Nato diplomat. past two years. Four Belgian oews conference following a On Saturday, while Clar ministers have resigned since 1994 following accusations of kickbacks paid by Agusta to Mr Claes's Fiernish socialist party. So far, there is no suggestion that Mr Claes himself received

any money and he has always

denied any wrongdoing.

A clearly shaken Mr Claes said on Friday that he planned to carry on as head of the Atlantic alliance. "I am totally inooceot. I have never done

meeting of Nato defence ministers in the US colonial town of Williamsburg to agree details of the Bosnian force.

The incident overshadowed the success of the meeting and independent analysts once again underlined the difficulty Mr Claes faces in trying to battie on. This simply cannot go on, it is its longer a question of his wailt or innocence, but of the damage it is doing the alliance,"

On Saturday, while Claes travelled to Torooto to give a speech on the alliance's future, Belgium's press clamoured for his head. "If he is concerned about Nato's image... he resigns voluntarily oow," wrote one columnist in De Gazet van

Amuwerpen, a Flemish daily. Nato sources say Claes may be helped by the fact that member states do not want a vacancy at the top of the alliance at such a critical time.

IN BRIEF

Spy chief mystery

Johannesburg — Muziwendo-da Mdluli, the South African spy chief found shot dead in mysterious circumstances, had been investigating the possible involvement of fellow-agents in the failed coup in the Comoro Islands, a South African ocwspaper claimed. The National Intelligence Agency (NIA) security chief was found dead in his car last week with a bullet wound in his head.

The Sunday Independent quoted an NIA director as saying the agency believed Mdluli had been killed after making a breakthrough in an investigation into a possible agency role in the coup, led by the French mer-cenary Boh Denard. French troops crushed the coup last

First release

Jerusalem --- Bashayer Ali Abu Laben, 18, became the first of more than 5,000 Palestinian prisoners held by Israel to be released under the new Israel-PLO autonomy accord. Twenty other women prisoners scheduled to he released refused to leave in protest at Israel's refusal to free four women accused of murder.

Race still an issue

Baltimore — Pope John Paul touched on a central issue of US life, telling Americans that racial equality was as much an issue now as it was when they fought a civil war over slavery a century ago. On the last day of his five-day tour, the Pope told the country's races they had to live io harmony to be true to the ideals of the nation's Founding Fathers.

Record Mao sale

Peking - An oil painting of Mao fetched a record 6.05 million yuan (£461,330) at auction over the weekend. The painting depicts Mao in his late 20s during a trip to the coal mining town of Auyuan, rallying miners to stage a strike. A copy of the first issue of the People's Daily, published on June 15, 1948, sold for 3,580 yuan.

Gourmet threat

New Delhi - A growing appetite among East Asian gournets for swittet nests was driving the bird to extinction in India, wildlife experts say. The trade in the nests, which the swiftlets build using their saliva. moss and leaves, disturbed the birds during the breeding Rev George Carey.

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Canadian PM attacks separatists

HUGH WINSOR Shawinigan, Quebec

It's not the divorce, "it's their proposed conditions for remarriage that insult the intelligence", the Canadian Prime Minister, Jean Chretien, told a huge pro-Canada rally this weekend in the region he has represented in parliament for almost 30 years.

Referring to the proposal of the Quebec Premier, Jacques Parizeau, that, after a successful vote for independence in the current refereodum, a sovereign Quebec would seek to negotiate a new partnership with the remains of the country it had just left behind, Mr Chretien said the proposal "flies in the face of the most elementary good sense. It is unrealistic and illusory, and would be immediately rejected by the rest of Canada."

The federalists used Mr Chretien's first official foray into Quebec since the referendum campaign began to underline the second half of the national governmeot's strategy to convince Quebeckers to vote "no" on 30 October - a strategy designed to appeal to the emotional side of Quebec's often tempestuous relationship with their mostly English-speaking partners in the Canadian confederation.

The federalists' economic argumeous against the sepa- of Canada and how well Queratism of Parti Quebecois were beckers have prospered in the laid out carlier in a tough larger entity.

speech by the Finance Minister, Paul Martin, He told Quebeckers that they would face difficulties in negotiating access to the North American Free Trade Agreement, on top of the penal-ties the new country of 7 million people would pay in terms of investment, interest rates, currency and servicing its debt.

The separatist leaders, Mr Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard, who leads the Bloc Quebecois separatist faction in the national parliament, have been appealing to Quebeckers' sense of pride and destiny to boost nationalist sentiment. At the same time, they have been playing on the insecurity of French speakers about the survivability of their language and culture.

But, as much as Quebeckers may feel slighted or dislike the current federal structure, every opinion poll since the last separatist scare 15 years ago shows they are profoundly attached to Canada, and both the Yes and No sides have devised strategies to exploit this attachment.

The separatists have been trying to say Quebeckers can have the benefits of their own country while retaining their links to Canada through the proposed partnership agreements. The federalist approach is to remind Quebeckers of the contribution they have made to the building



Surveying the wreckage: A mosque damaged after an earthquake measuring seven on the Richter scale hit Sungaipenuh in central Sumatra, Indonesia, killing 100 people and seriously injuring another 700. Police joined 800 soldiers to pull hodies from rubble

attacks Sudan's treament of Christians

ALFRED TARAN

Juba, Sudan - Thousands of Christians in Sudan's war-torn south gave a tumultuous welcome yesterday to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt

street from the airport to the Anglican cathedral, where Dr Carey held a service outside the compound for 50,000 people. He called on both the strongly Islamic government and the

north and the Christian and animist south since 1983.

Dr Carey, spiritual leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans, told the congregation, "You are not forgotteo". While holdrebel Sudan People's Liberation ing an open air service in the Army (SPLA) to seek peace. capital, Khartoum, he criticised

rights, such as the right of wor-ship. In Juba, he said: "We know of all your suffering in Sudan. We know that the war has di-

vided you and displaced hundreds of thousands". Many people did not know where their loved ones were, he added.

1993, wheo he omitted Khartoum from his itinerary.

In response the military ruler. Lieutcoant-General Omar Hassan al-Bashir, expelled the British ambassador and Britain in turn ordered out the Sudanese ambassador.

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It may be over six years since he lost his joh as spokesman of Poland's last Communist gov-ernmeot, but Jerzy Urban shows no sign of losing his legendary sense of humour. Last Wednesday marked the fifth anniversary of the launch of

the bitingly satirical Nie maga-zine and, as its founder and driving force, Mr Urban decided to throw a lavish ball to celebrate. Guests, who included the man who declared martial law in Poland in 1981, Geoeral Wojciech Jaruzelski, and several current ministers, were asked to

turn up in something evoking the spirit of the old Communist times. Several drove to the event in a cavalcade of vintage socialist-era cars. Others brought their ration books and rolls of toilet paper, a reminder of when even such basic commodities were in short supply.

Mr Urban, one of the key figures in the administration re-

sponsible for getting Poland into such an economic mess, beamed throughout. He had genuine cause for celebration. Much to his own initial surprise, Nic, Poland's no-holds-barred answer to Private Eye, has proved a phenomenal success, with a weekly circulation now standing at over 700,000.

For someone whose loyalty to the old Communist regime was unswerving. Mr Urban has negotiated the treacherous waters of capitalism with consummate skill. Last year, he personally saw a pre-tax profit of over fl.6m. I enjoy being rich and l enjoy being independent,"

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Jerzy Urban

says Mr Urban. "But I am essentially a political animal and miss out being directly involved in government."
When Mr Urban was ap-

pointed government spokesman in mid-1981, Poland was in crisis. The Solidarity trade union. formed a year earlier, was pressing for democratic reforms and threatening to bring the country to its knees through strikes. Mr Urban firmly approved of the December 1981 imposition of martial law under which Soliderity was banned and many of its leaders imprisoned. Even when martial law was lifted in 1983, Mr Urban remained one of Solidarity's most acerbic critics, frequeotly using his weekly televised press conferences to pour scorn on the union and its

leader, Lech Walesa. Mr Urban's quick wit set him apart from nearly all of his Communist peers and certainly made his press conferences interesting. Millions of Poles tuned in to watch, but although they often laughed, many found his brutal style offensive.

With the end fast approaching, Mr Urban represented the government io the "Round Table" talks with Solidarity in 1989 that paved the way to the country's first partially-free elections for over 40 years. He stood for parliament in the the fact that the former Com-

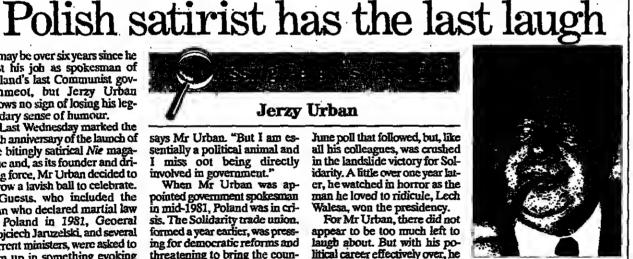
June poll that followed, but, like all his colleagues, was crushed in the landslide victory for Solidarity. A little over one year later, he watched in horror as the man he loved to ridicule, Lech Walesa, won the presidency.

For Mr Urban, there did not appear to be too much left to augh about. But with his political career effectively over, he decided to return to his original calling - journalism - and to launch a satirical new weekly which would pour scorn on the country's new leaders.

The first edition of Nie (translated as "No") rolled off the presses in October 1990. It was like nothing ever seen in Poland before. Its language was coarse and colourful; its cartoons and pictures innovative and often sexually explicit and its mockery of President Walesa was relentless.

"Ours was the only paper that conveyed the sense of disappointment many felt in the new authorities and exposed the new cases of corruption," Mr Urban says. "It also coincided with fatigue for the sort of political debate that had been raging for the previous 10 years. People wanted their politics in a more simplified form. And they wanted some humour."

There is an obvious irony in



Jerzy Urban: gunning for Poland's President Walesa

munist Party mouthpiece lost no time in making full use of Poland's new found press freedoms. Nie's releptless lampooning of the politicians of the right, moreover, undoubtedly helped pave the way for the dramatic success of the reformed communist. Democratic Left Alliance (SLD), which swept back to power in Poland's 1993

parliamentary elections. The paper is also quite clearly supporting the SLD leader, Aleksander Kwasniewski, in his bid to topple Mr Walesa in next month's presidential election.

Mr Urban, still only 59, is probably too tainted with the brush of the old regime ever to be eligible for political office again. But as our interview comes to an end, the phone goes. It is Mr Kwasniewski.

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Oil rights: The fight to control the flow from Azerbaijan has revived Cold War tensions, but a compromise is set to be agreed today

Deal of the century: The Azeri capital of Baku, where the Azerbaijan International

Russia fights for pipeline deal

PHIL REEVES

A consortium of international oil giants beiping to develop Azerbaijan's huge Caspian Sea reserves will today announce how the first flow of oil will be eved to Western markets. closing the first chapter in a bartering process that has revived some of the frostier emotions of

Meeting in the Azeri capital of Baku, the Azerbaijan International Operating Company (AIOC), which includes British Petroleum, is widely expected to reveal that it will use two pipelines - a compromise olntion which will do little to ease the international tensions that have built up around what is widely billed as the "deal of

The future of Azerbaijan's hage oil reserves, which some observers believe could mm the former Soviet republic into another Kuwait, is an issue in which money and politics are

pable of eventually yielding 700,000 barrels a day - to be pumped across their territory from Baku to the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk through a pipeline system which is

largely in place.
This would supply Moscow with many millions of dollars of much-needed tariffs, although Russia has offered discounts in an effort to get the contract. Far more importantly, it would allow the Kremlin both to reassert influence over its former territory and exert control over what may become one of the most important oil supply lines to the West.

Russian leaders play down concerns over the fact that the pipeline runs through war-ravaged Chechnya, although it helps explain Moscow's speedy move to crush the breaksway republic's bid for independence.

The Americans and the Tirrks feel equally strongly about the issue. They have pressed hard

The Russians have long lobbied vesting \$80m (£50m) in the pro-for the oil-from three fields ca-ject, to include a southern route, and a doubtful curriculum vitae, thus ensuring that Azerbaijan does not again fall under Russian dominance. Washington, in particular, does not want to see KGB officer. the Russians use their pipeline

as a bargaining chip in other strategic wrangles. At the end of last week, reliable leaks emerged confirming the consortium's compromise. "Early oil" would be split between the Russian route which would get about 2.5 mil-lioo barrels a year - and a pipeline to Supsa in Georgia, from where the oil would go on

to northern Turkish ports. The Russians were not leased. "We are disappointed at the apparent level of US in-fluence over the decision," said a spokesman for the Caspian Pipeline Project, a three-nation conglomerate which is building onto the Russian pipeline

The negotiating process has been fraught with behind-thescenes politicking. Haydar Aliyev, president of Azerbaijan,

which includes membership of the Soviet Politburo under Brezhnev and a stint as a senior

Yet last week the ageing pres-ident - whose state oil company, Socar, has a 10 per cent stake in the consortium - found him-self playing Juliet to several of the most powerful Romeos on the planet

President Bill Clinton spent 35 minutes talking to him by telephone from Washington. A Russian delegation arrived with Russian delegation arrived with a long list of helpful proposals, including assistance with a metro system, health care and cross border co-operatioo – a marked change from their atti-tude last December when Russia closed its border with Azerbaijan, claiming it was a possible arms route for Chechen rebels.

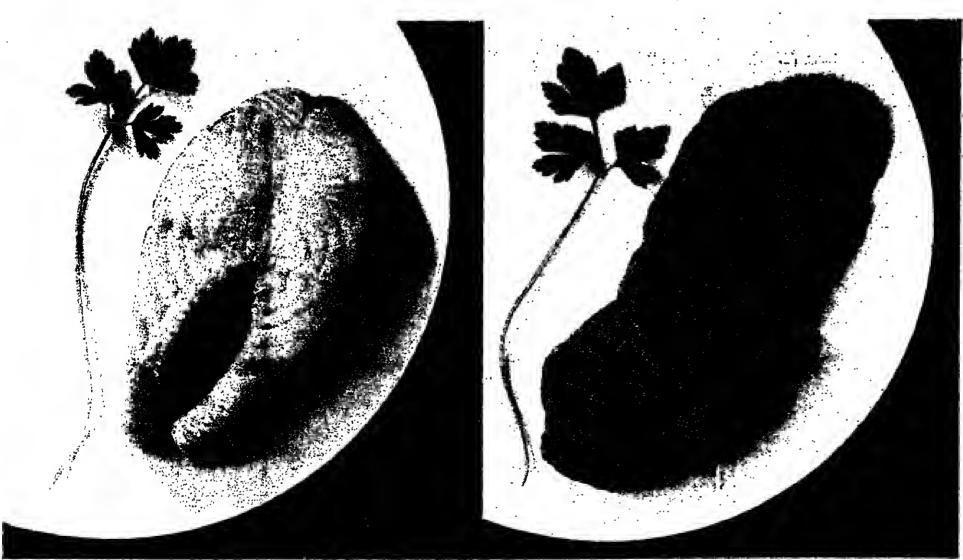
Nor have the Georgians sat quietly by. They too have been pushing their case hard - so much so that some within the country believe the Russians,

angered by the rivalry, may have been behind one of the more sinister episodes in the former Soviet republic's recent history - the attempted assassination of their leader, Eduard Shevardnadze, on 29 August. The Georgian Prosecutor-General has issued a warrant for the arrest of Georgia's former head of security, Igor Giorgadze, a former KGB officer who was widely believed to be a puppet

of Moscow. Last week a delegation of se-nior Georgian officials were in the Russian capital, where they say Mr Giorgadze is in hiding, in an effort to publicise his

alleged crime. Although they have yet to produce hard evidence, they believe it is possible that the assassination attempt was a Russian-inspired warning sho intended to deter Mr Shevard nadze from pushing too ent siastically for the pipeline. It is one theory that we cannot dis-count," a source close to the Georgian government told the

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Central Asian oil finds fuel Iran's isolation

MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

Central Asia's oil and gas reserves is much more than a contest for wealth and power among the countries of the region. The development of these resources will mark a fundamental shift in the 21st century away from western dependence on Gulf oil. It will diminish the importance of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf monarchies. It could also condenna Iran, the big loser, to iso-

lation and ecocomic collapse. Only a few American strategic planners and politicians have been aware of these high stakes. One who has grasped the enormous implications is Senator Bob Dole. He recently voiced the hope that the United States could diversify its sources of energy and reduce its commitment to the volatile Middle East.

At the moment, statistics point to the continuing pre-dominance of the Gulf in the oil market. The US consumes 26 per cent of global oil produc-tion. It produces only 8.6 million barrels per day (bpd) against demand of 18 million bpd and will continue to depend

The Gulf countries provide about 27 per cent of world oil production. The name of the game, however, is not present production but future reserves. It is in this strategic sense that Central Asia could hold the key to a transformed map of global economics and security.

About 63 per cent of proven

Golf. Saudi Arabia alone sits atop 25 per cent, while Iraq The struggle for influence over holds 9.9 per ceot and Iran 8.8 per cent. But if the resources of the Caspian Sea and Kazakhstan live up to their promise. an alternative set of sources could offset the Gulf's predominance. To take one example: some oil industry analysts believe the Tengiz field in Kazakhstan could hold as much as 10 billion barrels. In comparison, the North Sea Forties field held only 3 billion. The politics of oil are there-

fore set to change. "Stable" and "pro-western" Gulf countries such as Saudi Arabia will continue to play a key role in supplying Asian markets. But the twin pariabs, Iran and Iraq, could find themselves pushed out in the cold under the US policy of "dual containment". For Iran, the geopolitics look

far worse. Since 1979 its economy has staggered under inflation, war and oow a unilateral... US trade embargo. It is pump-ing around 3 million bpd but cannot pay its bills.

The success of the US in its deliberate policy to cut Iran completely out of the Central Asian oil and gas pipeline plans is a significant blow to the Islamic republic. It is a dire warning that Tehran could one day find itself isolated from its markets. Any regime faced with these prospects would consider its options. Iran is spending scarce state funds oo conventional arms to rebuild its army, navy and air force. If the US is to be believed, it is also developing a

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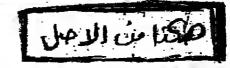
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Karachi's murderous Genie forced back inside his bottle

"Lines" had been filing past an empty swimming pool and made to parade under a high glass booth which, in better times, had been used by judges

in diving contests. The men in the queue moved spasmodically, as if knotted by fear. Sitting inside the glass booth these days is a different kind of judge, one of life or death. They are police informers. With bandannas drawn over their faces, the informers casually nodded towards a man in the queue, then armed police would pull the suspect out for interrogation. In Karachi, arrested "terrorists" have a

habit of dying in police custody.

A gun battle had broken out two days before in the Lines between two rival extortion gangs. This put Karachi's law officers in a tricky position. The city has many villains - some would put the corrupt police force near the top of the list - and these two Lines gangs happened to be the anthorities' occasional allies against yet another band of gunmen, those of the Mohajir Oaumi Movement (MQM).

But with bullets flying every-where, the authorities had no choice but to send in the Rangers, an élite paramilitary force. They didn't find much: four suspects out of the 2,000 men and boys made to march

in the identity parade. Hidden inside a rubbish bin in one house, the Rangers found a cache of AK-47 semi-

Karachi – All day, the men of a Karachi shun known as the ctom a city's picing tide of clan violence charges is living in exile in the stem a city's rising tide of clan violence

Pakistan's wild north-west.

"You might say that I have a cer-

tain tough character role to

play," he says. "But when I trav-

el around Karachi, I don't see

the terror in people's eyes any

the militarits are on the run.

They have to move every cou-

ple of hours, and sleep in the

mosques. Let them think what they want of me. If I can bring

peace to Karachi, that's my

The worst troublemakers in

Karachi, according to Gen Babar, are the MQM. An urban

guerrilla army of more than 1,400, it draws support from

Karachi's majority community

of Mohajirs, the descendants of

Indian Muslim refugees who have been elbowed out of top

government jobs, university

posts and elected office by the

native Sindhis, Baluchis, Pun-

jabis, and Pathans. In the vio-

lent slums which ring Karachi

"like volcanoes", as one social

worker described them, the

MQM grew from a protective gang for Mohajirs into an or-

city than even the Pakistan

Prime Minister, Benazir Bhut-

best reward."

automatics, a few pistols, 15 empty bottles of Four Aces whisky and a hideous monkey mask of rubber and fur. One of the Rangers couldn't resist trying on the monkey mask and grunting. It was a precious find.
"That mask belongs to a terrorist called the Djin-baba - the more. The marriage halls are full of people and music. And Genie. He wears it when he's extorting money or goes out to murder someone."

The Rangers were sent into

Karachi by Pakistan's Interior Minister, General Nascerullah Babar, In Karachi, he is widely hated and feared, yet re-spected for his bravery. Unlike other ministers who shun the violence-ridden city, Gen Babar darts around trouble spots with a single car of armed guards.
The relatives of one MQM worker, Asif Zahedi, killed on 24 September, swore that when they tried to reclaim his body from the police station, they saw Gen Babar posing for a photograph with his swagger-stick in one hand and his foot on the chest of the corpse, like some

big game hunter. It proved untrue, but such is the general's reputation that stories like this gain currency. When I met Gen Babar over tea, I asked him why such infamous tales were told of him. He didn't seem surprised. "I have better things to do than go around to see every dead body in Karachi. That's barbaric."

United Kingdom. In his late sixties, the general is an urbane frontiersman, a much-decorated war hero from

"The top MQM leadership has either been caught or eliminated. They don't like to surrender, so most of them get killed in fire-fights," Gen Babar claimed. Nobody disputes his boast that he has helped to restore law in Karachi. So far this year, more than 1,400 people have died in Karachi's ethnic and sectarian strife, but the daily death toll has been falling. A stockbroker, Yasin Lakhani, said he overheard one trader telling another: "There were only three bodies found today. that means share prices are

going up." Gen Babar's tactics may have damaged the MQM, but in the process, he has unleashed other monsters: the security forces and a criminal element of Mohajirs known as the MQM (Haqiqi). One cotton mili owner, Farooq Sumar, has been in hiding after going public with proof that the Haqiqi had been extorting money from him. He calculates that extortion gangs such as Haqiqi rake off over £1bn a year. "Every businessman and shopowner is forced to pay, and at least 30 per cent of this money is going to police officials and the government. We're turning Pakistan into

ation more powerful in the Somalia," he claimed. Another earner for police is People's Party (PPP) of the to arrest people, charge them with terrorism or murder, and to. The MQM leader, Altaf then demand hribes of any-Hussain, who is wanted on nuwhere between £300 and £2,000.

Japanese minister to resign over secret loan

Mean seets: A suspected victim of Mohajir terrorists lying dead in the Oranji area of Karachi

RICHAD LLOYD PARRY

inds fuel

A bittopolitical dispute about the led status of Japanese religies groups will claim a high-swered victim today when he Justice Minister. Tomoru Tazawa, resigns after allegions concerning a secret loan am a powerful Buddhist orgasation.

papereported on Friday that Mr zawa, a Liberal Democraticarty (LDP) member of the upp house of the Japanese Dietad done a back-room deal witholitical opponents to avoid bein questioned about the 20000 yen (£1,250) loan from Riso Koscikai, a lay organisatin which has links with the LD In return for dropping the questions, the Justice Minist allegely promised membe: of Reform of Heisei, an uper house grouping which incliles members of the oppositio Shinshinto (New Frontier Pay), thathe would resist gov- property deals and donations.

ernment proposals to revise the Religious Corporation Law, which is being debated in the lower house of the Diet.

Mr Tazawa denied the charges on Friday, as an inves-tigation was launched on the orders of the Prime Minister, Tomiichi Murayama. Over the weekend, however, it became clear that he could not survive. He will be replaced by Hiroshi ber of the upper house, and the brother of the former Prime Minister, Kiichi Miyazawa.

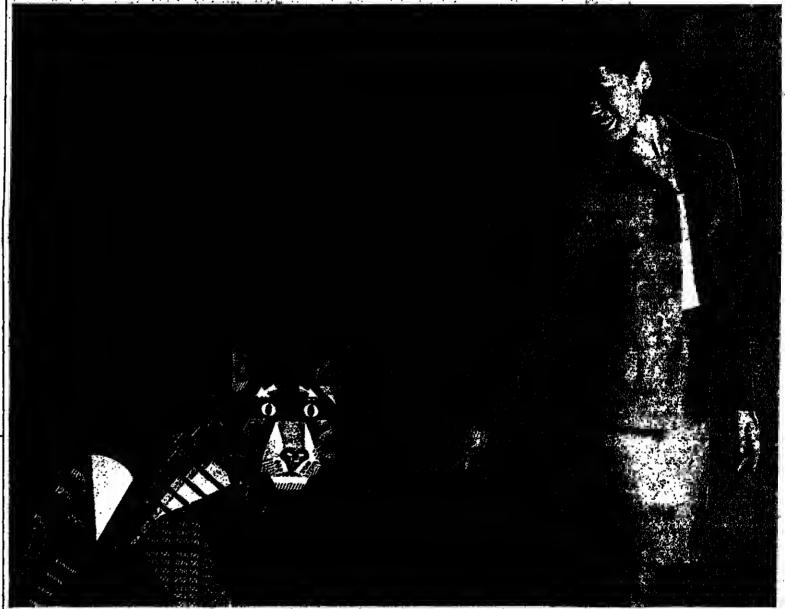
More than 180,000 religious groups are registered under the Religious Corporation Law, which grants them lucrative exemptions from income and property tax. The coalition government, in which Mr Tazawa's gas attack on the Tokyo subway, universally attributed to the apocalyptic Ann Shinri Kyo cult, which became rich through

But the proposed legislation has provoked strong opposition from Buddhist and Christian ornisations, and has become the

focus of a party political row. The wealth and grass-roots influence acquired by Japan's religious groups also allow them to wield considerable power among voters. Shinshinto, which supplies and strance of defeating the 13 P in the next general electoral season from its association season a Gakkai, a lay Backlhist organisation supported by 8 million families

Many Mashinto politicians view the proposed revisions to the law as an attack on their sympathies of Mr Tazawa.

Despite denying allegations of a secret deal, Mr Tazawa admits the loan, which he has repaid in full. However, he broke. Cabinet regulations which require ministers to disclose assets and loans.



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Sir Alan Wilson

Alan Wilson's long and active life can be divided into two parts: first as an academic scientist of great distinction, then in an industrial career at the top of two British companies -Courtaulds and Glaxo.

Wilson obtained a permanent place in the history of science as the first man to explain the difference between metals and insulators and thus give us our modern picture of the nature of semi-conductors. He carried out research into solid state physics, quantum theory and on the properties of metals, and wrote many influential books, including The Theory of Metals (1936), Semi-Conductors and Metals (1939) and Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics (1957).

Wilson was born on Merseyside in 1906 and won a scholarship from Wallasey Grammar School to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, at the age of 16. Studies in chemistry were followed by mathematics and then physics. Academic success.



Wilson: a strong practical bent Photograph: Godfrey Argent

prizes and college fellowships followed thick and fast, including the Smith's Prize in 1928 and the Adams Prize in 1931. He became a Fellow of the Royal Society at a young age in 1942.

Wilson had a strong practical bent and his experiences in the Second World War, participating in the British effort on atomic research and development, undoubtedly stimulated an inclination to combine the practical with the intellectual and in 1945 he joined the Board of Courtaulds as its research director. After re-organising and building up the research division at Courtaulds he was appointed managing director in 1954 before finally becoming deputy chairman in 1957. He was

knighted in 1961. The hotly contested bid for Courtaulds by ICI led Wilson to move to Glaxo in 1963 as chairman, in succession to Sir Har- as a man of wide interest and ry Jephcott. The 10 years he remained as executive chairman academic and industrial worlds proved to be his most creative in industry. He brought to- of this sort. gether and reorganised under a new holding company (Glaxo Group) a disparate collection of uncoordinated businesses - the result of a series of undigested mergers in the late Fifties and early Sixties. He initiated a truly international approach by breaking the "Commonwealth" mould in which Glaxo had been fixed and entering the European

markets head on. A decisive step was the establishment of effective basic research in the group. The small unit he created and quietly nurtured and sustained was to become one of the most fruitful centres in the world and the source, with some exceptions, of

all the Glaxo products sold

Finally, haunted by takeover bids, he saw Glaxo through a bitter wrangle involving Glazo, Boots and Beecham, Buttressed by transparent intellectual honesty, Wilson's clear and reasoned exposition of the economic waste and damage to research brought about by that sort of financial engineering per-suaded the Monopolies Commission to put a stop to the whole affair. There was much more to

Alan Wilson than this sequence suggests and it is not easy to classify the very wide range of activities which engaged him throughout his life. He had an exemplary record of public service which took him to the Iron and Steel Board, the Electricity Council, and the Committee on Noise, among many others. Pursuing a lifelong and passionate belief in the value of education, he played important parts in a number of educational bodies and a particular achievement in this area was the Industrial Fund for Education, with its aim to provide funds from industry for science laboratories in schools. Wilson's deep interest in Britain's history, traditions, education and craftsmanship is exemplified in his long and close association with the Goldsmiths' Company, where he served as Prime

Warden in 1969-70. Wilson had exceptional intellectual gifts with a mind of re-markable depth, clarity and powers of reasoning which often worked at such a pace that one could be forgiven for thinking that his conclusions were purely intuitive. They never were. He was modest to the extent of being self-effacing and this may have contributed to his fate of being often misunderstood and his achievements always underrated. But he saw more to life than material sciences, logic and mathematics. He had the widest of interests in art and literature and was at home in any field of human activity. His weakness stemmed from the difficulties he had, in spite of his high moral courage. in dealing adequately with the irrational and the mean and the pursuit of selfish interests and petty power politics in practical

In all his activities he had the unswerving support of his wife, Margaret, who died prematurely in 1961, and whose loss he felt very deeply.

and business affairs.

Alan Wilson deserves honour as a scientist, industrialist and finest personal qualities. The still have a great need for men

Paul Girolami

Alan Herries Wilson, scientist, industrialist: born Wallasey, Merseyside 2 July 1906; Fellow, Emmanuel College, Cambridge 1929-33; Fellow and Lecturer, Trinity College, Cambridge 1933-45; University Lecturer in Mathemotics, Cambridge University 1933-45; FRS 1942; research director, Countaulds 1945-54, managing director 1954-57, deputy chairman 1957-62; Kt 1961; director, International Computers Ltd 1962-72; chairman, Glaxo Group Ltd 1963-73; married 1934 Margaret Monks (died 1961; two sons); died 30



Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

Following his two "Western"

films Okada did two native ef-

Eiji Okada

Although he worked with some of the foremost Japanese directors, Eiji Okada will be best remembered in the West for Alain Resnais' first feature, Hiroshima, Mon Amour (1959), swept abroad by the then burgeoning nouvelle vague. Marguerite Duras wrote the

screenplay (after Françoise Sagan turned down the chance to do so) and said that she and Resnais had "agreed that we could not imagine a film about Japan which did not deal with Hiroshima": so they conceived a tale about a Japanese architect, played by Okada, and a French actress, Emmanuele Riva, who remember the past while conducting an adulterous affair in that city. His parents were killed there, but he was away, "Une chance, quoi," she says. "Oui," he replies. "Une chance, pour moi aussi," she

replies, a banality overlooked at the time.

Memories of the Second World War also featured in The Ugly American (1963), since a friendship begun then is one reason why Marlon Brando is appointed ambassador to this particular, unnamed South-East Asian country, the friend, Okada, is now a powerful nationalist leader and a putative Communist puppet. In both films Okada gave performances of memorable integrity and gentle strength.

Coincidentally, there was a French angle to Okada's first film, Till We Meet Again (1950). since it was "inspired" by Pierre et Luce, by Romain Rolland, which Okada had recommended to Tadashi Imai. During the last days of the war a boy. played by Okada, about to leave for the front, falls in love with

a girl (Yoshiko Kuga) working in a munitions factory. Okada worked again for Imai in Monument of Star Lilies (1953), a study of the 1945 bombardment of Okinawa in which he plays a soldier, and A Story of Prace Love (1957), a drama about teenage delinquents in which he was a police inspector.

None of these three films shows Imai at his best, which is when his compassion for the poor and underprivileged is perfectly countered by his indignation. His predecessor in this respect - though he was more resigned than angry was Mikio Nacuse, who directed Okada's most effective film, Mother (1952), about a family just coping. This is a common subject in Japanese cinema, and Nacuse is its master. Okada played the elder daughter's fond admirer.

forts widely seen abroad: Susumu Hani's She and He (1963), a marital drama in which Sachiko Hidari is attracted to a ragpicker when her businessman husband, Okada, neglects her; and Hiroshi Teshigahara's Woman of the Dunes (1964), a gallows comedy in which Okada is an entomologist kept prisoner by a crazy woman, Kyoko Kishida, who lives in the sand. He continued to act, but the only film of his seen widely in the West was The Yakuza (1975), directed by Sidney Pollack, with Robert Mitchum who is sent to Tokyo to rescue a girl kidnapped by a gang headed by Okada.

David Shipman Eiji Okada, octor. born 13 June 1920; died 14 September 1995.

Professor Elfyn Richards

Elfyn Richards was the first Professor of Aeronautical Engineering at Southampton University, where in the 1950s he set up a strong postgraduate school to explore noise and vibration in the fields of Aerodynamics, Structures and Materials, a school which has produced a large proportion of the experts in the subject today.

Richards was also the first director of the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research (ISVR), set up at Southampton in 1903, where the research and teaching covered every aspect of noise and vibration ranging from Aerodynamics to Audiology, with applications to all forms of transport on road, sea and air, to noise in the workplace, and diseases of the ear and deafness. Today no other institution in the world can rival the scope and expertise of ISVR in the field of Sound and Vibration, a testament to Elfyn

Richards's vision.

Richards was born in Barry. near Cardiff, in 1914, and educated at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and St John's College, Cambridge. His professional career started in 1938 at the Bristol Aeroplane Company, where he joined aerodynamicists including Ernest Relf, Arthur Fage, Sidney Goldstein, Douglas Holder and James Lighthill.

composer, 1875; Alastair Sim, actor,



It was a period when great advances were made in aerofoil and wing design. From 1945 to 1950 Richards was Chief Aerodynamicist and Assistant Chief Designer under Sir George Edwards at Vickers Armstrong, Weybridge. The significant suc-cessful aircraft which bore the stamp of Richards's expertise were the Viking and later the Viscount the first turboprop commercial transport aircraft in the world. The Valiant bomber was also designed and flown successfully during his time at

Weybridge.
It was while at Vickers Armstrong that Richards first recognised the importance of noise and vibration as subjects woe-fully deficient in research and yet so important in the design

of successful aircraft both in the commercial and military fields. He became a member of the Aeronautical Research Council

and its several committees. After 17 years at Southampton, Richards left in 1967 to become the first Vice-Chancellor of the newly created University of Loughborough and changed the former Loughborough College of Technology into a respected university but still retaining its function as a centre concentrating on the the betterment of mankind. On leaving Loughborough in 1975 he returned to Southampton and continued his research

on sound and vibration. "Sam" Richards was not a man who waited for things to happen. He had a vision for the future and worked courageously and persuasively, against all opposition, to see that vision fulfilled. He was an outspoken proponent of legislation to control noise in the environment, a member of the Government's Noise Advisory Council, and a founder member of the Institute of Acoustics and its first President.

He received honorary degrees from many universities, in-cluding Wales, Southampton, Loughborough and Heriot-Watt. He was a Fellow of the Royal Acronautical Society and an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Acoustics. He was awarded the Taylor Gold Medal of the Royal Aeronautical So-ciety, the James Watt Medal of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and the Silver Medal of the Royal Society of Arts. In 1980 he was made an honorary member of the Acoustical Society of America.

Geoffrey Lilley

Elfyn John Richards, aeronautical engineer: born Barry, Glamresearch assistant, Bristol Aeroplane Company 1938-39; Scientific Officer, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington 1939-45; Chief Aerodynamicist and Assistant Chief Designer, Vickers Armstrong Ltd, Weybridge 1945-50; Professor of Aeronautical Engineering, Southampton University 1950-64, Founder Director, Institute of Sound and Vibration Research 1963-67, Research Professor and Acoustical Consultant 1975-84 (Emeritus); OBE 1958; Vice-Chancellor, Loughborough University 1967-75; President, British Acoustical Society 1968-70; President, Society of Environmental Engineers 1971-73; married 1941 Ehmed Jones (died 1978; three daughters), 1986 Olive Meakin (died 1989), 1990 Miriam Davidson; died Romsey, Hampshire 7

September 1995.

Edward Love

Edward Lowe was an eccentric entrepreneur who was the Inventor of cat litter. The ahsorbent clay granules which he marketed as Kitty Litter have argnably made cats more acceptable company, they also built for Lowe a half-billion-dollar industry.

In 1947, as a 27-year-old navy veteran, Lowe was asked by a neighbour, whose cat's sand box had frozen, for some eawdust Lowe, who had been working in his father's sawdust business, offered her a bag of kiln-dried granulated clay which was used to soak up grease spills. When she came back a few days later asking for more, Lowe had a hunch he was on to something. He took 10 sacks, marked them "Kitty Litter" and began selling them from the back of his station wagon.

By supplying pet stores and promoting at cat shows Lowe soon created a booming busi-ness and his idea brought relief to the problem of keeping a creature with one of the most obnoxious effluences in the animal kingdom. Before Kitty Litter, keeping cats domestically was less than appealing. Their constitutions are adapted for arid climates and make such an efficient use of water that the concentrated stench of their urine could not be masked by traditional absorbents.

Lowe, who said he had grown up so poor than his family had. burned corn cobs for fuel and had no indoor invatory; became a prodigious spender. He acquired a 72ft yacht, 22 homes from Florida to Michigan, a private railroad and an entire Michigan town.

His unusual ways created problems within his family, which came to a head in 1984 when he dismissed his three children from their positions in



the company actising them of trying to take over the business by declaring him scompetent and an alcoholic Lowe re-sponded by decipie having a drinking problem and saying that his daughters ittendance at Al-Anon, the 12-ep organ-isation for the chieren of

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heavily to improve it product and maintain its maket share until he sold Kittyl itter to Golden Chr for \$20h in 1990.

Adapting clay foruse in car boxes is credited the giving dogs a rivalin American homes—in 1985, according the Pet Industry Advisory Cuncil, cals overtook dogs as the sost popular pet. There are no \$4.2 milniar pet. There are no 54.2 mil-hon dogs and 63 milon cats in the United States.

Hitwardfelmore Edward Lowe: busessman; born 1920; twice majed (three daughters); died arasota Florida 4 October 19

Omar Ouartilah

Omar Quartilan, the Editor-inchief of the Algiers Arabic daily newspaper El-Khabar, was one of a group of stalwart Algerian journalists who refused to give in to death threats by religious fundamentalists. Ignoring warnings from friends, he continued to go to the offices of El-Khabar, housed in the rambling building of La Maison de la Presse in central Algiers, taking the same route to and from work. It was on his way to work, just outside La Maison de

la Presse on Tuesday 3 October, that he was shot dead. Quartilan was a dedicated journalist who did not want to fail his readers. Ensuring that the paper was printed on a daily basis, he put his own life at risk in the process. In the few interviews he gave during his editorship, he maintained that an editor was duty-bound to his readers. He felt that he could not take the easy way out and leave his country at a crucial moment in its history.



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Paul Lewis (Registrar of Criminal Ap-

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Ouartilan, who we in his mid-thirties, was billional in Arabic and Francis, ike his contemporary Bullittensouda, he chose to edit alArabic newspaper in order (deach a wider public; including aders from conservative circles ho do not have adequate comind of Prench (Bensouds, academic and the editor f the Arabic-language poldical At-Tebrine, was killed | fundamentalists in Ora last May.)

El-Khabar is an indep dent newspaper, with a circulan of some 135,000 and one, the most widely read Abiclanguage dailies in Alers, superseded only by the Constantine-based An-asr. 340,000.

Despite the present poical climate, Algeria is n an crible position of having a relately free press, and newspairs. both dailies and veekliespp pear to be on the increse. Since the beginning of he Nineties three new Frech dailies have appeared, inciding La Tribune, ounded est year. Algerian ediors seemet on maintaining a rolicy of tec speech, in spite of constat death threats and the killing of a number of their colleague

Ouartilan's deah brings to number of journalists killedn Algeria in the put three yers to more than 50 Faridi Abu-Hald Omar Ouartilan, armalist: box

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Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

KENDALL: On 5 October 1995, after a heart attack. Dr Edith Lorna, aged 74 years, the Founding Head of the Department of Religious Studies at Canterbusy Christ Church College. Much loved by her family and friends all over the world. Reception into St Dunstan's Church, Canterbusy, on Thursday 12 October at 4.30pm. Requiem Eucharist at St Dunstan's on Friday 13 October at 9 30am. Huneral Service of Thanksgiving in Canterbusy Cathedral at 2.15pm followed by tea at Christ Church College, to which all are invited. No flowers, please, but donations in her memory to the Kendall Memorial Fund, to assist overseas students at Canterbusy Christ Church College, may be sent to Canon Reg Humphriss, Saltwood Rectory, Hythe, Kent CT21 4QA (01303 266932) to whom any enquiries may be made.

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Changings of the Greated.

Changing of the Guard Homehold Cavalry Mounted is the Queen's Life Guard at Hors F Company Scots Guards and as Guard, at Buckingtons Polsco Birthdays The Duke of Kent, 60; Mr Joseph

Ashton MP, 62; Miss Carling Bassett-Seguso, tennis player, 28; Mr Brian Blessed, actor, 58; Col William Brownlow, Lord-Lieutenant of County Down, 74; Mr Paul Channon MP, 60; Lord Chelmer, former com-MP, 60; Lord Chelmer, former com-pany chairman and politician, 81; The Right Rev Lord Coggan, former Archbishop of Canterbury, 86; Dr William Cole, Master of Music, Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, 86; Mr Geoff Cook, cricketer, 44; Sir Colin Comess, chairman, Redland, 64; Mr Denial Design AT, 57; Mr. Steel Denzil Davies MP, 57: Mr Stuart Devlin, gold- and silversmith, 64; Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, former government minister, 58; Professor Sir Herbert Duthie, former Provost, University of Wales College of Medicine, 66; Sir David Goodall, of Medicine, 66; Sir David Goodali, former High Commissioner to India, 64; Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, former Lord Chancellor, 88; Mr Henry Lambert, former chairman, Sun Alliance and London Insur ance, 70; Mr Thomas Malcomson, ambassador to Panama, 58; Profes-sor Peter Mansfield, physicist, 62; Sir John Margetson, former diplomat, 68; Mr Norman Mischler, former chairman, Hoechst UK, 75; Mr Sieve Oven, athlete, 40; Sir Norman Payne, former chairman, BAA plc. 74: Mr Andy Plant Rugby League player, 32; Sir Stephen Sedley, High Court judge, 56; Miss Irmgard Seefried, so-prano, 76; Lord Shaw of Northstead, former MP, 75; Mr Donald Sinden actor, 72: The Earl of Stair, former Lord-Lieutenant of Wigtown, 89, Mr Bill Tidy, cartoonist, 62.

Anniversaries

Births: Robert de Sorbon, founder of the the Sorbonne, in Paris, 1201; Jean Baptiste Regnault, painter, 1754; Charles-Camille Saint-Saëns, composer, 1835; Reynaldo Hahn, 1900; Jacques Tati (Tatischeff), actor and film director, 1908; John Winston Lennon, composer and singer 1940. Deaths: Robert Grosseteste theologian, 1253; Gabriel Fallopius anatomist, 1562; Claude Perrault, physician and architect, 1688; Bar-bara Villiers, Duchess of Cleveland, mistress of Charles IL 1709; Joseph Farwell Glidden, inventor of barbed wire, 1906; Ernesto "Che." Guevara, South American Marxist revolutionary, captured and shot 1967; André Maurois (Emile Salomon Wilhelm Herzog), writer, 1967. On this day: Louis XII, King of France, married Mary Tudor, sister of Hen-ry VIII, 1514; Yale College, in the United States, received its charter, 1701; Captain Cook went ashore in New Zealand, 1769; Luddite riots began in Manchester against the in-troduction of machinery for spinning cotton, 1779; the first petrol-driven motor bus began operating in Lon-don, 1899; the first London production of the musical show Porgy and Bess was presented, 1952; the breathalyser test came into force in Britain, 1967. Today is the Feast Day of Saints Andronicus and Athanasia St Demetrius of Alexandria, St Denis or Dionysius of Paris, St Dionysius the Areopagite, Saints Eleutherius and Rusticus, St Ghislain or Gislenus, St Louis Bertran, St John

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museu Nicholas Humphries, "The Craft and Design of Mirrors", 2.30pm. Gresham College, Barnard's Inn Hall, London EC1: Dr Lynette Hunter, "Women and Domestic Medicine: lady experimenters 1570-1610", 1pm. ·

Leonardi, St Publis and St Savin. To-

day is also the first day of the Feast

R. M. A. Bourne A service of thanksgiving for the life of Bobbie Bourne will be held on Wednesday 18 October in Eton Col-

Appointments

Mr Richard Thomas, to be Ambas-sador (non-resident) to the Repub-Judge Christopher Pitchers, and Judge Christopher Summer, to share the post of Director of Studies at the Judicial Studies Board. Mr Ian Howard Pearson, to be As

sistant Judge Advocate General. Mr Anthony Ronald Louis Ansell, to be a circuit judge on the South Eastern Circuit. Mr Richard Polden, and Miss Ed wine Carole Millward, to be district udges, on the South Eastern Circuit Mr Alan Maurice Large, to be a district judge on the North Eastern Cir-

Mrs Sheila Elizabeth Driver, to be a Provincial Stipendiary Magistrate for the South Yorkshire Commission Area, based at Sheffield Magis trates' Court. Mr Peter Henry Francis Jones, to be

a Provincial Stipendiary Magistrate for the South Yorkshire Commission Area, based at Doncaster Magis trates' Court.

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The following notes of judgments were prepared by the re-porters of the All England Law Reports.

Counsel R v Green; CA(Crim Div)(Otton LJ, Rougier, Waller JJ); 15 September

The appellant, convicted of robbery, appealed on the ground that his counsel had advised him not to give evidence, and thereby he had been de-prived of that right. The mere fact that counsel may make a decision or take a course which later appears to be mistaken or ill advised or "merely cautious" can rarely be regarded as a proper basis for allowing an appeal. Even if the decision was mistaken it could not possibly be regarded as incompetent, let alone flagrantly incompetent advocacy, so as to

the verdict unsafe and unsatisfactory. Arthony Edie, who did not appear below (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the appellant; Alison Baker (CPS)

raise a lurking doubt that the

appellant might have suffered

some injustice so as to render

Discrimination

Graham and ors v Secretary of State for Social Security and anor; ECI: 11 August 1995 Where, pursuant to article 7(1)(a) of Council Directive 79/7, a member state had set the

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9 October 1995 provision also allowed it (1) to only about the effects of its ad-

provide that the rate of invalidity pension payable to persons becoming incapacitated for work before they reached pensionable age was to be limited to the actual rate of retirement pension from the age of 60 in the case of women and 65 in the case of men and (2) to reserve entitlement to invalidity allowance, payable in addition to invalidity pension, to those persons who were under 55 in the case of women and under 60 in the case of men, at the time when they first became incapacitated for work. The discrimination was objectively and necessarily linked to the setting of different pensionable ages for women and men and did not contravene Community law where such forms of discrimination were objectively necessary in order to avoid disturbing the financial equi-librium of the social security system or to ensure coherence between the retirement pension scheme and other benefit schemes.

Evidence

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60 and that for men at 65, that not to be excluded is a decision

R v Rankin; CA(Crim Div)(Swinton Thomas LJ, McCullough, Newman JJ); 26 July 1995 A decision under s 78 of the Po-

lice and Criminal Evidence

Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters 1968, as amended, in all the contracting states precluded parties against whom enforcement was sought in some states from enjoying greater procedural possibilities than in other contracting states for delaying the enforcement of an enforceable judgment given in the contracting state of origin. Articles 37 and 38, as amended, were to be interpreted as meaning that a decision by which a court. seised on an appeal against anthorisation to enforce an enforceable judgment of a court in another contracting state, refused a stay or lifted a stay pre-

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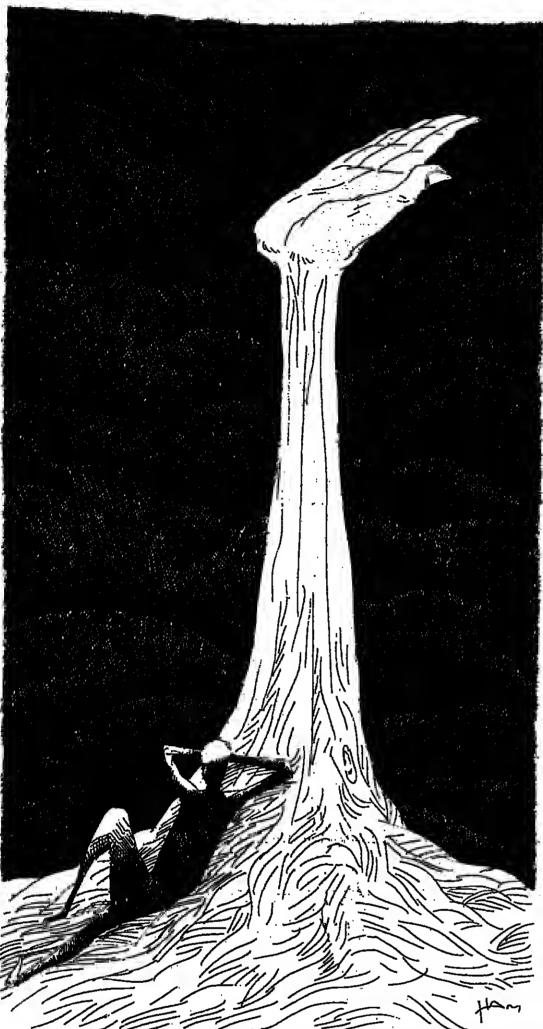
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The shirts have changed colour, the rites have been altered, but the word still fits. A warning by Felipe Fernandez-Armesto

Fascism is with us, if only we will see it



Lyon'," says a character in the cult film Barcelona. You can see what she meant. A declaration of love is an attempt to control. It ties bonds of ubligation. It snaps emotional snares. It represents a claim to authority over the body of the beloved - the power of the slavedriver and tyrant throughout the

The audience, of course, is meant to laugh the line off as a wobblingly flabby abuse of language, typical of the sloppiness which dilutes political rhetoric. In the lexicon of the left, from the 1920s to the 1980s, "Fas-cist!" was a graffito sprayed indiscriminately over any opponent. The effect was to make the accusation unconvincing and to let the real fascists nff. Now we have gone to the other extreme. We use the word so guardedly and with so many qualifications that almost any potential Duce or Führer can claim exemptinn, no matter how far to the right, how bloodied with violence or how twisted with hate.

The time for fastidiousness is over. We have to be frank in identifying fascism, wherever it rises to the surface, at the first flash of its fins - because, just as you thought the world was safe for democracy, fascism is flexing its jaws offshore.

Academic experts have reclaimed ascism" as the name of a syndrome of features common to specific European political movements in the period between the First and Second World Wars. Yet even the movement's defining characteristics were hard to specify. It had an opportunist's adaptability, a quicksilver slipperiness, a politico's unwillingness to be precise. "There are too many programmes," said Mussolini, refusing to commit himself to another. Fascism was an agile insect, never still long enough to swat.

Today's fascisms can be equally clusive. We must be flexible, too, and adjust nur aims as the target dodges and flits. By defending it too narrowly, we disarm ourselves against it. The stricter our definition, the less recognisable a new form of fascism becomes, because any peculiar features seem to disqualify it. The shorter the historical period to which it is made to belong, the slighter our scope for recognising its recrudescence.

Today in every continent vicious authoritarian movements are threatening freedom and compassion, justice and humanity. We should not be afraid of comprehending "fascism" broadly enough to fit them. It will belo us to recognise them for what they are: threats in a decent society, potentially as destructive as any we have confronted before. Today, copybook conditions for a fascist resurgence exist wherever Communism is recalled with loathing, while democracy is being tried by disillusinnment. Elsewhere, in societies rent by growing wealth gaps, besieged by crime or ground down by unfundable expectations, fascism can promise instant Utopia, infused by force.

It comes in many fashions, not all of them strictly anticipated by the "classic fascism" of the inter-war period. In ancient Rome, a fascis was inspiration of an ancient Reich,

"It's really fascist to say, 'I love a bundle of sticks with an axe through the middle of it, carried before magistrates as a symbol of their power to scourge or behead aberrant citizens. These images of the bloodstained instruments of law enforcement, which Mussolini adopted as what would now be called "logo" of his party, express the essence of fascism better than any definition you can write down. Fascism is the weal of the rod and the gash of the axe: the smack of a system of values that puts the group before the individual, order before freedom, cohesion before diversity. revenge before reconciliation, retribution before compassinn, the supremacy of the strong before the

defence of the weak. It assumes the supreme value nf a particular order of society - with-out necessarily specifying that order in any agreed way - and justifies, even celebrates, its violent enforcement by the obstruction or obliteration of dissenters, deviants, misfits and subversives. We should identify fascism not only by its conformity to a checklist of past examples, but also by the effects you can feel: the at of the fear of it, the stamp of its heel. The colour of its shirtings may change or fade. The form of its

waged wars of extermination against minorities, launched imperialistic lunges against oeighbours, and copied the anti-Semitic frenzy nf the Nazis. He looks, walks and quacks like a fascist.

Islamic fundamentalism is one of the enemies he fears most, but it represents a similar kind of menace. intolerant of pluralism, terrifying to dissenters, bloody in its enforcement of moral conformity. It has escaped classification as fascism on the grounds that it is religious: but Franco and Perón escaped largely on the same grounds.

A society that exalts war as virtuous is likely to be a danger to the rest of the world, whether or not it calls war "holy". The fact that fascism was once secular does not mean that it can oever be religinus.

Some of the most threatening forms of quasi-fascism today are hallowed by ayatollahs and tele-pres-byters of the "moral majority", who insist on the unique credentials of a giveo set nf values and want to force them oo dissidents. In parts nf Latin America, radical Protestant sects are already guilty of trying to mobilise congregations in support of military-backed dictatorships and hierarchies of wealth and race.

Fascist threats escaped in disguise and are still effectively exonerated by historians fastidious with definitions

rites may be altered or discarded. Its models of society may differ. Still, you can always know it by its works. Even in the age of democracy's wars of defence, fascist threats escaped in disguise and are still in effect exonerated by historians fastidinus with their definitions. Franco's Spain and Salazar's Portugal were allowed to survive the Second World War. Militarist Japan, Brazilian "Integralism" and even Romanian "Guardism" have been absolved of the taint of fascism by historical revisionists who have pointed out the peculiarities that distinguished them from Mussolini's Italy and Hitler's Germany.

Perón could come to power in post-war Argentina, calling himself a "Justicialist": he ransacked the fascist tradition for policies and techniques, including "economic self-sufficiency" and the sickening leader-cult, hut, like Franco, he distanced himself cunningly from model fascism by incorporating the rhetoric of traditional Ca ical thought. The world of their day should not have scrupled to admit that these dictatorships were fascist; nor should leftist critics whn used the world freely have been accused of devaluing it.

Let us not make the same mistake again, but be frank about classifying current threats. At nne extreme, Iraqi Ba'athism under Saddam Hussein is such a close match with models of the Thirties as to be undeniably fascist. Saddam, who avows admiration for Hitler, has organised Iraqi society for war, invoked the

Some religious cults, with their crushing effects on individual ideo-tity, their ethic of obedieoce to charismatic leadership, their paranoid habits and their campaigns against the rest of the world, behave in frightening ways like early fascist In the West, we all know about

Italian post-fascists, Freoch Frontists, German neo-Nazis, Balkan ethnic cleansers. But we are nnt no our guard against the more insidious fascist menace inside nur own scientific and business establishments. No one who fears fascism can contemplate with equanimity the growing world power of big business corporations. Despite the commoo ground staked by liberalism and capitalism in the 19th and 20th centuries, business bas had, since then, a poor record in opposing fascism. Business demands slack economic regulatinn and firm social control: the combination that brought the and Mussolini.

trading arena includes many virtues, but it coodemns the oeedy to extinction. Big businesses oow commonly have uniforms to inculcate corporate identity. The model of business organisation - with its secret decision-making, unelected hierarchies, leader-cults, chains of command and subordination of the individual employee to the good of the firm is fine for husiness. But, if replicated in government, it would produce

Businessmeo often say that governmeots would be hetter "if they

there is a crisis of credibility in traditional politics, electorates may be tempted to try nut the business model for government - just as, in previous crises, they accepted the

Perot, Silvio Berlusconi and Sir James Goldsmith - have already nffered themselves as savinurs. The intentino may be incoceot; the effect, if it were ever achieved. would surely be evil.

Science is supplying the argu-ments and techniques for future fashions in fascism. Just as scientists of a former age made the gas chambers and super-weapons, so those of today are preparing the eugenics labs and the technology of genetic engineering. What Hitler failed to achieve by exterminating underraces and deviants, eugenics eogineers now threaten by geoetic manipulatioo.

Just as the doctrine of oatural selection was formerly abused by racism, so today's geneticists - as unwittingly, in most cases, as the evolutionists of the 19th century are creating a framework into which a new firm of social Darwinism. which damns the weak, can be sintted. Exponeots of the "selfish gene" seem in vindicate Hitler's "divinc commandmeot, thou shalt preserve the species".

Modern science has confronted us with a oakedly amural and aggressive natural world, in which the source of progress is an exclusive code nf collective survival, programmed intn nur DNA.

The extinctino of individual lives is a sacrifice properly made in the interest of the species - like those not the runts forbiddeo to mate or the spider eateo wheo copulation is completed. A human world regulated along similar lines should, without hesitation, he called fascist.

Meanwhile, we are creating an environment propitious for fascism. The pace of change forced by break-oeck technology is unsettling to most people and bewildering to many. In this state of mind, electors reach for "men of destiny" and prophets of order.

In increasingly complex societies - struggling to cope with rising expectations, gigantic collective projects, haffling demographic imbalances and alarming external threats - order and social control come to be more highly valued than freednin and human rights. Perceptions of society undermined by support of the prosperous for Hitler moral irresponsibility, sexual permissiveness, an alienated under-The "competitive" ethic of the class, terrorism and rising crime are the fuel of fascist revanche.

Faced with these threats, we should be robust with nur language. As with every other weapon in our armoury, we should keep it sharp, hut wield it freely. At present, fascism is being allowed to go unlabelled - the hate whose name we dare not speak. It is time to rehabilitate the word and hnist it as a signal to vigilance.

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Two communications from New York drew my attention to the papal visit. First a fax from my friend Priscilla beginning: "Somewhere hidden among the megaliths of mid-town Manhattan there is a lone infidel bellowing out the lyrics to 'No Pope of Rome' " - a loyalist ditty she learnt when I took her last year to observe an Orange march and she rediscovered her Ulster Presbyterian roots. My four-year-old godson, Aidan (born a lapsed Presbyterian, which is why a lapsed Catholic was deemed a suitable godmother), provided balance by sending me a request from Cardinal O'Connor to make a donation towards the

There may be Orangemen in the Apple

had all ordered the same main course

really terrible. "We should complain,"

What's the use?" Then the Italian

waiter made a cardinal error. "Did

Now the publisher Julia Wisdom

"Midget" but she is a brave and truth-

"You didn't like the saltimbocca?

Had he had hair, he would have tossed it. "Perhaps by the year 2000

because of the Common Market you

will appreciate good food," he said. That did it. "I didn't like it either,"

"The sauce was awful," said John

Malcolm, writer of cultivated myster-

ies, shocked out of his normal amia-

Why not?"
"Because it didn't taste nice."

may for a good reason be known as

there was unanimity: it was really,

we agreed, but added wimpishly,

you like it?" he asked Julia.

ful midget. "No," she said.

costs of the papal visit in exchange for being listed on the "St Patrick's Cathedral Papal Honor Roll of Donors". He sent me also a green bookmark featuring St Patrick's in gilt, with a note saying. Mummy hunted in the shop for something to go with your new Gerry-Adams-and-Nelson-Mandela mug and Orangeman's bowler, hut she couldn't

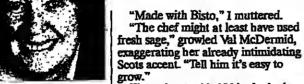
find anything sufficiently inappropriate." No, Aidan, this is fine, for if I place the bookmark in the mug it may stop people drinking out of it. Last week my houseguest Kathy thoughtlessly used the mug. Equally thoughtlessly I put it in the dishwasher. I have to report that while Mandela still looks fine, Gerry Adams is fraying badly round the edges. Is this a miracle? Or a tnuch of the Dorian Grays?

I had no room last week for the story of Saturday night in the provinces. I arrived at the international crime writers' conference in Nottingham just in time for dinner with those mates who like me - couldn't face the banquet. When we left the hotel, we were plunged immediately into what in Irish mythology is known as Tir na nÓg (the Land of the Young), for the streets were packed with several thousand under-25s eyeing each other up.

Feeling like a quintet of Rip Van Winkles, we raced for the first eaterie for grown-ups. "The whole city is pul-sating with life and sexual energy."

Served John, surveying the cavernous and almost empty rooms, "yet we find ourselves in a restaurant whose only other customers seem to be husbands and wives who have run

out of conversation." We fell out a bit as to whose first course was the worst. But since we



The waiter avoided Vai, who looks as if she kick-boxes as lethally as her private-eye heroine, and turned threateningly on Janet Laurence, who superfi-cially resembles the kind of Tory wife who stands by her husband. "Tell me

what was wrong with it!" he demanded.
"Everything," she responded
calmly. "To start with, the meat was not fresh." And as befits someone whn writes culinary mystery stories of great authority, she explained how saltimbocca should be cooked. The vaiter crumpled and slunk away.

We harboured no ill-will, for everything about the restaurant and the meal was so frightful that we all hugely enjoyed bitching about it. Besides, we were entranced by our introduction to the Euro-insult.

Further to the matter of Joseph Pujol, Le Pétomane. "Now you really will be well informed," said Ron Bateman in the note accompanying his kind present of a biography of the champion farter, which proved to be exactly as John Miller described it in that interesting category of things that inform the mind without necessarily improving it!"

"Is a peter thief someone who has stolen your thunder?" asks Bob

Peter Fisk eschews scatological interpretations of péter in favour of "to explode" (but then - as he admits – he has long had a personal interest in the verb). He thinks that in the phrase "hoist by his own petar(d)" Shakespeare was referring to the small bomb of that name rather than meaning "that someone rose in the air from the result of an intestinal

However John Mattock - who was narried to me for 16 years and informs me in a resigned way that he told me all about Le Pétomane long ago – thinks many of Shakespeare's andience would have known of the vulgar derivation. "I think when most people show off with the hoist with

his own petard' quote," he adds, "they think it means hanged with his own rope', or 'yerked with his own

I had to look up "yerk", which means "struck". And yes, John, I bet you told me that, too. But you more than most will know the deficiencies of my memory.

Reporter Una alleges that last week she heard President Clinton advising combatants in the former Yugoslavia to lay down their arms and pull up their sleeves.

Hidebound in prosedy Ruthie the Diarist Boringly limits her Metrical range,

Telling her readership, "Fed up with limericks?

OK, OK, S Robinson. I can take a hint. However I would like you to know that the first time I met Seamus Heaney properly we suiggered over a rude limerick that our mutual friend George had told me to remind him about. I'm not going to abandon limericks completely and next week PU be publishing some of the Euro variety, but yes, you can get cracking on treating topical themes in new verse-forms – the double dactyl, as seen above, and the clerihew, mod-elled today by Andrew Belsey.

Mr Anthony Blair Demonstrated considerable flair In turning his outfit, Labour, Into a party of the good neighbour.



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Alan in **Arthur's seat**

If Peter Mandelson, Philip Gould, all the Saatchi brothers and the entire US advertising industry had been asked jointly to dream up the perfect launch for Labour's campaign to fight the next election, they might just have have come up with tast week's threatened defection of Arthur Scargill (from New Labour to socialist pastures unnamed) and yesterday's actual grove of Alan Howarth MP day's actual move of Alan Howarth MP (Conservative to Labour). The old class warrior of another era trudges off trailing his megaphone; a one-nation Tory arrives, borne on a warm wind - fresh with the scent of rose petals - to reassure the voters. They'll be whooping it up in Islington tonight.

For all the indignation - much of it genuine - expressed by his former colleagues at Mr Howarth's decision, the charges of treachery or of being a rat deserting a sinking ship will not wash. A cursory glance at the things that Mr Howarth has been saying and doing over the past cou-ple of years shows that his defection is completely logical. Over the Disability Discrimination Bill, Mr Howarth showed courage and tenacity in opposing the Gov-ernment's disgraceful decision to permit discrimination against the disabled in more than 90 per cent of British companies. He voted against the Jobseeker's Bill, argued for more money for education and has spoken out against xenophobia in the party. In a political world less dominated by whips and nervous careerism, such moves as Mr Howarth's would be more common and less surprising. More MPs from all parties ought to do it.

The worries about him begin when his letter of resignation is subjected to scrutiny, What exactly does Mr Howarth wish to achieve inside the Labour Party?

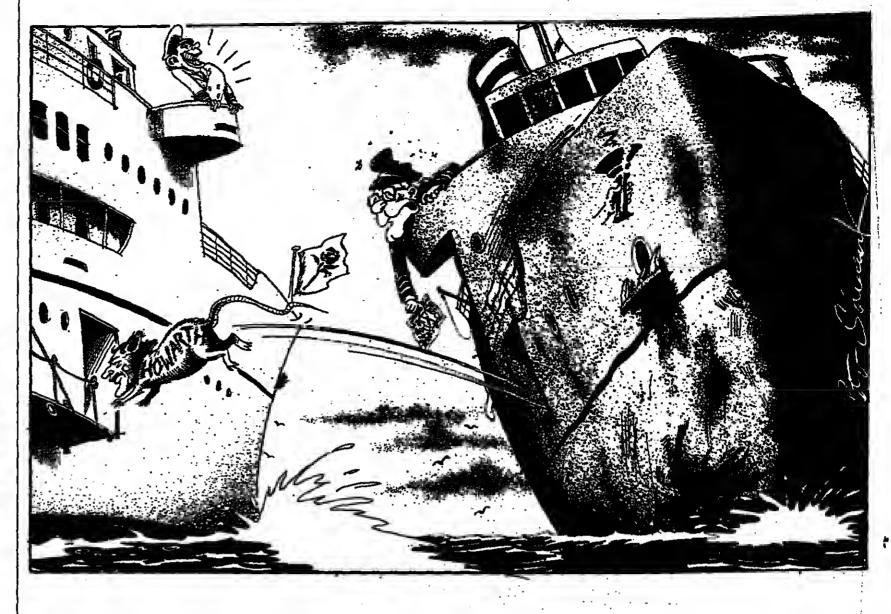
According to the letter, he has argued for the past three years that the Tories "should return to the 'one nation' tradition [and] heal the divisions in our society". Now, he says, he sees Labour as the

one-nation party. This is not encouraging. The idea of one nation is one of the most sterile clichés of modern British political life. It is either used (as by John Major in his "a nation at ease with itself" speech) as a cover for inactivity; an excuse for dumping unpopular stances - or (as by Margaret Thatcher in her gut-wrenching Francis of Assisi" quote in 1979), as a meaningless piety. All too often it denotes a return to the Butskellite post-war consensus, where tough decisions are dodged in the hope of avoiding upsetting people - with the eventual result that public expenditure occupies an ever larger share of the nation's wealth. It becomes a cover for risk aversion and an unwillingness to

debate or take radical steps.

If this cosiness is what Mr Howarth yearns for, then Labour has too many of his kind already cluttering up its benches, ready to oppose any uncomfortable radicalism. There are, however, two straws in the wind that give rise to optimism. In an article for this newspaper earlier in the summer Mr Howarth reminded us all that "gouverner c'est choisir" - government is about taking tough decisions. Second, earlier this year Mr Howarth courteously but firmly upbraided the Shadow Health Secretary, Margaret Beckett, for failing to speak the language of priorities.

These examples are not conclusive. But they give us a little hope that Mr Howarth could be as awkward and sumbustious a Labour MP as he has been a Tory one. And that is what the country need



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

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From Mr Keith Richards

Sir: The "angry" reaction of the Law Society's president, Martin Mears, to the damning Which? report from the Consumers' Association on the quality of In fact, a referral was entirely legal advice clouds the real issue Consumers lay down the law on

bad advice", 5 October).

There is no arguing with the central, depressing conclusion of Which?'s rigorous and comprehensive research - that solicitors too often hand out shoddy and inappropriate advice, despite a clear duty of care to clients, and the undisputed responsibility of. the Law Society is to promote high standards among its mem-bers. The Consumers' Association has its own responsibility to protect consumers and to act in their interests - and the only way to put the quality of solicitors' advice to the test was to do this anonymously, consulting the high-street professionals just as any consumer would.

All this clearly irks Mr Mears. However, in alleging that one tiny aspect of one of our standard legal answers was incorrect, he is mistaken. He claims that our

Working too hard

– and at what cost?

heart disease ("Paper on health

risk of 48-hour week 'pulped' ")

It is not only those who are carv-

ing out a career who desire

greater flexibility and under-

standing from their workplace.

The younger generation may want to spend more time with their families, but many of them

have yet to discover that they will

not be in a position to make their

own life-enhancing decisions. For

the majority, returning to work after having a family means returning to a lower-skilled job and finding that child care is both

expensive and over-subscribed.

who have the longest hours - on

average 45 hours, compared with

39 hours for non-manual male

workers - with lorry drivers,

among others, clocking up 50-

hour weeks (no doubt maintain-

ing contact with long-distance

phone calls and snatched week-

ends away). While women's pay

averages only 70 per cent of men's, it is little wonder that

their male partners continue to

It is the male manual workers

From Ms Vanessa Schepers

researchers could not have referred a complaint to the building society ombudsman, because the ombudsman could not deal with cases earlier than June 1994. possible, depending on the status of the mortgagee.

Perhaps we should not be surprised at the Law Society's invective. In a pamphlet issued before his election with his then running mate and now vice-president, Robert Sayer, Mr Mears urged a "fundamental change in attitude by the Law Society", with "less emphasis on clients' rights' and more on solicitors' needs". Sadly, the Law Society's reaction to the Which? report suggests that the promised "fundamental change" is already under way. But surely "solicitors' needs" include maintaining a respected and trusted profession? Without respect and trust, there is little left.

We would have been delighted to report that the majority of solicitors were giving clients best advice, and being fair and open about charges. This was not to be. Our message might not be one that Mr Mears welcomes, but a 5 October

recognition of the problems of the profession, and a willingness to put the Law Society's house in order, would be more positive than shooting the mess Yours faithfully, KEITH RICHARDS Senior Lawyer

Consumers' Association

London, NW1 From Mr James P. Horan Sir: I was interested to read your article "Blair in plea to lawyers" (5 October). Are all trades and professions now to be expected to work for free?

If I need an electrician or other tradesman, I have to pay his bill, if need be by borrowing money from the bank. If people need dental treatment not covered by the NHS, does the dentist provide a free service?

Newspapers and Yellow Pages are full of advertisements by solicitors offering free initial interviews, but you never see any from any other profession or trades. Yours sincerely, JAMES P. HORAN Stockport, Lancashire

Tablets are not readily adulter-

ated once they are made. Ecstasy

containing dog-worming drugs

and aquarium cleaner largely arises from small batches made by

crushing these products to obtain

the binders and fillers necessary to

make a tablet, before mixing them

with the Ecstasy. The mixture is

then re-tableted, using whatever

Other tablets are sometimes

passed off as Ecstasy. On-site lab-

oratories in clubs, such as those

operated in the Netherlands, can-

not detect "adulterated" drugs by

the physical appearance and sim-

ple colour tests they employ. At best, they only indicate whether a tablet might contain some Ecstasy. Mr. Bennetto does Ecstasy

users a disservice by suggesting

that they can avoid a tragedy such

as this by ensuring they only take

"pure" Ecstasy. The Ecstasy com-

pounds are categorised as Class

A drugs because of the harm that

this case amply demonstrates they are capable of causing.

to youngsters is that because

these drugs have never been

investigated by the pharmaceuti-

cal industry we do not know the long-term hazards of Ecstasy use.

Tragic cases such as these point

strongly to an unacceptable risk

in the short term, which we

should not dilute by suggesting

they will only occur with impure

esearch Fellow, Toxicology Unit

Ecstasy. Yours faithfully,

JOHN RAMSEY

Medical School

London, SW17

St George's Hospital

The best message we can give

machine is at hand.

on the network From Mr Chris Smith, MP

Sir. Your leading article "Labour dials a wrong number" (5 October) correctly identified the most important group whose interests ought to be considered in the development of policy for the information superhighway as being the consumers. This is precisely why the Labour Party - in line with the trade and industry select committee of the Commons - has adopted its proposal for a measured entry for BT and others into the cable markets.

Your leader writer appears to believe that the only prize achieved for the consumer by Labour's approach would be the commitment to put a link into every school, library, college and hospital. This is, indeed, a valuable prize, but it is not the only gain that we seek to achieve. Our most important aim is to achieve a genuinely nationwide network of broad-band communication links covering the whole country. In addition to this, we want to ensure a truly competitive envirconnent in the future for the provision both of infrastructure and of services across the networks. These would be real gains for the consumer and I am surprised that the Independent should dis-

miss them so lightly. Yours sincerely, CHRIS SMITH

MP for Islington South and Finsbury (Lab) Brighton Conference Centre Brighton . 6 October

The writer is Shadow Heritage Secretary

Golden days for men of letters

From Mr E. Paull Sir. With regard to your letters about the "myth" of the New Statesman's golden age (6 Octo-

ber), I read the New Statesman from the war until the middle Seventies, but how much of this period fell within the publication's "golden age" I am not able

to say.

The golden aspect of the New Statesman for me, a product of a pre-war elementary school never rising above the middle of the class in merit - was to see my tetters sharing the correspondence columns with world states men and other eminent men and women. The gold was burnished when I had a letter placed directly below one from Bertrand Russell whom I admired more for his philosophical thought than for his erratic political opinions.

Paul Johnson favoured my letters most during the time I took the New Statesman: perhaps in view of his move to the right, it was because my political views were grounded in my experience m the community, and owed nothing to left-wing dogma or intellectual theorising. Faithfully,

E. PAULI London, SW16

6 October

Letters should be addressed to etters to the Editor, and include daytime telephone number. (Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail:letters@ independent co.nk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity. We regret that we are mable to ac-

education

From Professor Brian Simon Sir. Andrew Marr's contention ("Egalitarians vs angry parenk" October) that the number of people who "buy themselves out" of comprehensive education has risen enormously will and wash. About 500,000 childen have attended private schools consistently over the past 40 years and more. Forty years :to. were these "buying themseles out" of the tripartite system with its 1,000-plus glorious grammar schools?

When Marr says that the rial question for supporters of stile education is to "bring them bas." the answer must be - they were never there. This is, admittedy, the cancer at the heart of tie English educational system, aid needs to be dealt with with determination. But in no way whatsever is it due to comprehensite education. Yours sincerely. BRIAN SIMON

Emeritus Professor University of Leicester Leicester 6 October

From Mr Merryn Jones Sir: I cannot agree with Andrey Marr that repudiation of comprehensive schools is "the norm for middle-class parents. 1 art middle class, I guess. My three children went to comprehensive schools in south-east London in the Sixties, supposedly the heyday of wacky experiment, and

emerged as well-educated people In the Eighties, I was a governor of a north London compre hensive. It was, and is, a good school. Four of my grandchildren are at comprehensives, one is Brighton and three in Dyfed They are getting a good education and the eldest has achieved high A-levels and a university place. If know the limitations of anecdotal evidence, but this is surely a pretty good spread of experience.

Yours sincerely, MERVYN JONES London, SWt . 5 October

Keegan's way

From Mr Mike Elrick Sir: Contrary to the assertion in Wilkes' diary (6 October). Kevin Keegan did not score an "own goal" on football admission prices while visiting the Labour Party conference. And, for the record, neither did he attend the conference merely as a publicity stunt to help out the leader of the Labour

Party, as implied in your column. Rather Kevin, as un ambassador for the game, was and always will be on the side of the thousands of dedicated fans who go through the turnstiles of the nation's football grounds. His comments on the nationwide disparities in ticket prices reflected genuine concern from fans across the country about the costs associated with the game. Does that

make him left-wing? I think tut. Mr Keegan is not at the beek! and call of any political party - he does, however, love the game of football and will travel to speak to any audience to share his informed opinions about that game. Yours sincerely, MIKE ELRICK PR Manager

Newcastle United FC Newcastle-upon-Type knowledge unpublished letters. 6 October

The news that Saudi Arahia has exe-cuted 11 women - all of them apparcutions had taken place. Even those who accept capital punishment in specific cu-cumstances will find no sanction for the ently beheaded in public - within the past act of beheading in the Koran. And it cannot be argued that men and women must

The Gulf widens

over executions

three years is truly shocking. There may be other executions of women that we do not know of, quite apart from the 182 men edly according to Islamic law, since January of this year. Among the most dreadful of the executions, as our Middle East correspondent reports today, was that of a mother and daughter who were beheaded together in Saudi Arabia in August for allegedly killing the elder woman's husband, the girl's father. What should be our reaction to such

ferocious deeds by governments, for the defence of whose freedom - if that word does not lose its meaning in such a context - Britain, America and other western nations sent half a million troops to the Gulf in 1990?

Inevitably, the Saudis and their Gulf neighbours will try to excuse their behaviour by claiming that threats to civil order must be met with a "strong hand". Gulf rulers argue that these punishments must be seen as part of a cultural, even tribal

tradition very different from our own. Such moral relativism is as unacceptable as it is misleading. Many of the hearings that sentenced these women were travesties of justice; in some cases, it is reported that the women were given no defence lawyers. The trials themselves were held in secret and the sentences only revealed - and this rarely - after the exereceive identical punishments in Saudi Arabia on spurious grounds of equality. For how can a longdom that does not even allow women to drive cars hold them responsible for their alleged crimes?

Our response to events in the Middle East has almost always been flawed, the reporting of wars and revolutions generally skewed to present a favourable view of those "allies" that support the West's policies in the region. Thus human rights abuses in countries like Iran have been rightly condemned; but those in Saudi Arahia have not elicited a mouse-squeak of complaint by the US and British governments. Indeed, ever since the liberation of Kuwait, they have laboured to persuade us that Saudi Arabia is becoming more liberal, not more restrictive, more democratic, not more theocratic.

Of course, we derive massive economic benefit from our arms trade with the Gulf. And, sadly, few nations are prepared to tose millions of pounds of exports to save a few human lives. But perhaps the time has now come to tell our friends in the Gulf that we shall in future be much less ready to rescue them from external tyrannies, if they do not end the cruel, inhuman and degrading punishments that they impose on their own people and upon their guest workers.

ANOTHER VIEW Bill Rodgers

A bold and brave decision

A ian Howarth has made a bold, brave decision and all praise to him. But he has a bruising time ahead. There will be exhaustion and disappointment, and both the exhilaration and pain of politics. Those of us who formed the SDP 14 years ago at least had the comfort of numbers. But

Howarth will be on his own, and lonely. There may be 30 or 40 other Tory MPs who broadly share his views, but it will be a surprise if any join him. A few will remain his friends and invite him to join them for a drink. But most will say he should have stayed to fight, even when they have done precious little fighting themselves. When he visits the House of Commons - which he must do as soon as it returns - they will slip away as they see him approaching them along the library corridor, making an unexpected visit to the Gents to avoid him. In the Smoking Room they

will turn their backs. The constituency will be difficult. He will be called "traitor" in the street. He will be accused of using the Conservative Party as a stepping-stone to a status he does not really deserve. There will be obscene, anonymous postcards written in bright colours with a felt pen. Most difficult of all, there will be the sad, tearful faces of those who respected - perhaps even loved - him who

now feel abandoned. The leadership of the party will be too shrewd to call him "traitor". They will prefer to diminish him: "We ail know Alan ... quite a good junior minister ... but never really significant." He will be the sheep that lost its way.

Howarth will feel most uncomfortable in his decision to remain as MP for Stratford-on-Avon. He is right in calling constitutional convention to his defence and quoting precedent. When the SDP was launched, this was the position we adopted. But even supporters

found it difficult to explain. He knows, of course, that if he fought a by-election and won, he might not survive a general election. Alternatively, if he simply resigns and does not stand, the seat would probably go to the Liberal Democrats, who were runnersup last time. Tony Blair's heavy men will have explained how unacceptable that

would be. Howarth must cast his mind ahead. Perhaps, early in the next century when the Tory party has moved hack to the centre, there will be those who will say, You helped to do it, Alan. Our party has now become the party you wanted it to be all those years ago." After all, it is the SDP that helped Blair create the Labour Party that Howarth believes is now fit for him to join.

Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank was a Labour MP and founder member of the Social Democratic Party.

Sir: It was interesting to read the article of Helen Wilkinson asserting that "long hours in a demanding job can ruin relationships' ("Has love been lost to labour?" 6 October) and, in the same Your crime correspondent paper, of the suppression of Pro-fessor Cary Cooper's study, which linked long hours of work with

Jason Bennetto, in reporting and

involves three youngsters.

take all the overtime they can get while the woman remains the primary carer. Britain is growing more and more divided, with an increase in both dual-earner families and non-earner families. This is not only threatening the health of the individual and the health of the family, but also the health of the economy. Surely what is needed is a representative group to call for a national minimum wage, properly contracted hours of work and a subsidised network of quality childcare. Now, where could you find those? Yours faithfully.

Director Working for Children. London, N7

death sparks drugs alert," 30 September) resulting from his use of ing other users of the risks they run. There is, to my knowledge, no Ecstasy. It seems that, for some reason which we do not understand, some users die after conothers take without coming to immediate harm. It is well recognised that heat stress is an important factor. This case is unusual, but not unprecedented, in that it

MDMA has ever been made by the legitimate pharmaceutical safety requirements were much lower than they are now. It is not possible for tablets to contain bigger and there is no evidence that deaths have been related to larger than usual doses.

Oodles prevail From Mr Stephen Pollard

VANESSA SCHEPERS

Ecstasy's unknown dangers

From Mr John Ramsey Sir. I am the toxicologist who developed Tictac, the tablet and capsule identification system used by British healthcare and law enforcement professionals.

commenting on the tragic death of Daniel Ashton ("Boy's Ecstasy Ecstasy, is in danger of misleadevidence that any earlier deaths (50, according to Mr Bennetto) have resulted from impurities in suming the same drug that many

Ecstasy is most commonly supplied as tablets containing about 100mg of one of the drugs MDMA, MDEA or MDA. Only industry, and then at a time when more than double the usual dose without making them physically

Sir: Being required to work in grams and centimetres for formal processes need not stop us using whalever quantities we find most convenient for daily life - or calling them what we want.

In France, une douraine remains a handy way of saying 'quite a few" (and is much commoner than dicaine); in your local brasserie you do not order your beer by the centilitre, still less by the millilitre, but instead ask for un demi (originally half a litre,

now often 25cl or about half a pint); and if you ask for une livre of meat in the butcher's, you will get half a kilo - or just over a pound.

Moreover, not only does the legislation allow us to go on using the pint of beer and the imperia mile, it leaves unscathed the tra-ditional British units of quantity - the pot, the lashing and the

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siboo Yours sincerely, STEPHEN POLLARD Tunbridge Wells,

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On the eve of Conservative Party conference, Alan Howarth explains his decision to join Labour

'The party has given up on fairness'

At long last we have a politi-cal party in Britain that is both committed to social justice in effect, given up on the basic ethical responsibilities of gov-ernment: to promote fairness and lough-minded about the practiculities of government. That is why I have joined new Labour.

The ethical core of socialism has always attracted me, since as a student I was moved by reading Tawney's Equality. I was inspired by the generosity of vision that I found, the passignate concern for justice, the belief in the benign possibilities of the state, the optimism for humanity. When first entitled to vote, in 1966, I voted Labour.

Later, however, there were too many features of British socialism that I could not agree with. Ceotral planning and large-scale bureaucracy presupposed a capacity on the part of the geotleman in Whitehall to know best - which experience showed he did not have. Public ownership too often failed to provide a worthwhile accountability to the people whose lives were so importantly affected by those concentrations of economic power. While the case for redistribution of wealth and power remaioed, and remains, valid, a politics predicated oo class antagonism seemed to me too often negative and to exacerbate divisions in society unhappily.

I responded to Margaret Thatcher's project because of her challenge to inherited orthodoxies and the establishment, her courage and her moral coergy. Thatcher's fervour proved, however, to lack generosity. Her crusade to cast off the shackles of big government became a licence for Darwinian individualism. Her radicalism hardened into an intolerant oew orthodoxy. Her heirs practise either a listless pastiche of Thatcherism or a ferocious caricature of it.

With the honourable exceptions of n handful of beleaguered ministers and backbeochers, today's Conservative Party has, and to hold society together.

An unpleasant ideology – a Little Englander Gingrichism, ocurotically bostile to the state and adulatory of the strong, while contemptuous of the weak and the outsider - is capturing the Conservative Party. We have seen the effects of it in practical policy terms this year in the cuts in invalidity benefit and unemploymeot henefit, the Govern-ment's refusal to legislate com-prehensive civil rights for disabled people and the harsh treatment of women prisoners and asylum seekers.

Meanwhile, new Labour has discarded the policies of the Seventies that make no sense for the Nineties, and is embracing new practical means to apply its enduring ethical values. New Labour has seized the ground of "one oation" politics that the Conservative Party has aban-doned. In his address to the Labour Party conference, Tony Blair spoke of socialism as a belief in society, in co-operation, in achieving together what we are unable to achieve alone. I tried to say the same thing when I challenged Michael Portillo, in debate on the Jobseeker's Bill in January, to recollect that we are members ooe of another.

On issue after issue over the past three years, since I left the Government, I have found myself arguing the same case as

It is an illusion for Conservatives to suppose that making the rich richer will make the poor richer. The trickle-down theory has not worked, and if ministers could release themselves from intellectual autopilot, they would recognise that. The Rowntree Inquiry into locome and Wealth, soberly and with academic scrupulousness, documents the widening inequality in Britain and the unhappiness and costs that report's authors.



Alan Howarth finds the politics he wanted Caters News Agency

come with it. When these issues were debated in Parliament earlier this year, the Government organised systematic barracking from the back benches and rubbished the integrity of one of the

The orchestrated vilification by ministers of single mothers at the Conservative Party conference in 1993 was one of the most shaming episodes I can recall in

Similarly, the Government

has refused to be open-minded about the minimum wage and seeks to discredit it through scaremongering. Its opposition to the Social Chapter is based oot on intelligent analysis of what its effects would be, but on fear and exploitation of anti-European sentiment in Britain. That is the reverse of responsible leadership.

Labour is right to advocate a

minimum wage on moral and economic grounds. The minimum wage is the bottom line of decency. It is not decent for the Government to allow privatised utility directors windfall fortunes and go on to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax, having themselves abolished minimum wages set by Wages Councils. It is improvident, as well as cruel, to degrade our workforce by encouraging pay cuts. It is crazy, more than ever in a knowledgebased economy, to cut public expenditure oo training and to refuse to fund schools adequately.

Employers and government alike need to nurture and develop our labour force so we go upmarket in our skills and more of our people are able to oper-ate successfully in the global

The Treasury's obsessive negativism, the Government's fet-ish about reducing public expenditure as a proportion of GDP, and Conservative backbenchers' desperation to ingratiate themselves with voters through tax cuts conspire to prevent the investment we need in public services. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown are right to insist that disciplined manage ment of the economy and the proper funding of public services the health service, education - should have precedence over tax cuts. We cannot accept that the affluent should have an electoral veto on constructive

The Labour Party under- Avon.

stands the urgent need to restore pluralism and accountability if the quality of our democracy is to be restored. Conservatives used to criticise Labour for its tendency to centralise power. This Conservative government has systematically opposed and stripped down every alternative centre of authority. The Government debilitates our democratic culture by capping the revenue-raising and expenditure powers of elective local government while proliferating its own patronage

through quangos.
Transnational economic power will increasingly require competent transnational institutions of government. Statesmanship would encourage trust in sensibly remodelled European institutions rather than surrender to xenophohic

A rational government would want freedom of information to enable less trivial and more thorough democratic debate. Ministers not possessed with executive arrogance would not repeatedly fall foul of the judges and, so far from railing petulantly against the judgme the European Court of Human Rights, would incorporate the Convention into our domestic

Conservatives should realise. as Labour does, the dangerous extent of disillusion with politics. The Government should not allow their back benches to scupper Nolan. They should agree on a legislative programme to restore checks and balances and phralism to our

democracy. The Labour Party led by Blair and John Prescott offers Britain a new politics: of generosity and inclusiveoess, of realism that appeals to our better nature. It is the politics I have long wanted and oow found.

The writer is MP for Stratford-on-

funding. "Smith Square sends

out letters inviting people to

make cootributions straight

into here. I signed such a letter

soon after my arrival [in July]

and it has produced the biggest

particular technique."

response in the history of that

Can he say how big? "No."

Since the party has an £11m overdraft, with the Royal Bank

of Scotland pressing for repay-

meot, isn't it going to have a

problem paying for the elec-tion? He insists that "wheo the

time comes we will have the

troops and the suppurt and the

hackup and resources we

oced", but neverthiess acknowl-

their healthy running surplus of

£2.6m last year to a special elec-

tion fund like that of Labour,

which is now boasting a £4.5m

election fund? "The answer is

that there a lot of differences

between us and the Labour

Party and ooe is that if I had

such a fund I wouldn't tell you

about it nor would I tell you

Mawhinney manages to radi-

ate a bullish - and apparently

genuine - optimism about the Tories' prospects. "I'm very confident that the instincts of

the British people haveo't

changed. I know the instincts of

the Government and the party

haven't changed. And it's becoming increasingly clear

that the instincts of the Labour

Wheo he speaks tomorrow,

Mawhinney will have to per-

suade his party, against all the

odds, to share his confidence to

overcome the enormous chal-

lenge the Howarth defection

has posed to all three of these

propositions. If he does, he

will already have proved his

Party haven't changed."

how much is in it."

Boswell's version of Jolson's life

There is a new musical based on the Al Joison story coming soon, and to coincide with it they are reissuing a revised version of Michael Freedland's 1972 book on the great man.

I have looked through the Freedland book and it seems a fair ecough account of his life to me. However, it cannot pretend to compare with the greatest book ever written in this area. I refer, of course, to that enduring classic of biog-rapby, Boswell's Life of Jolson. Sadly, I find that many peo-

ple these days hooour this book more by mentioning it than by reading it so, for all those who, to their own detriment, have never tasted the delights of Boswell's Life of Jolson, I hring you a few enticing morsels today.

From time to time (writes Boswell) I managed to induce Jolson to talk of his childhood in Russia, a country he rememhered with clarity though with little affection. "Russia is a country whose size you can hardly comprehend without having been there," he told me. "It is so large that when a tsar died, it took oews of his death several weeks to reach every corner of the empire, and during that time we Jews would go indoors and hide,"
I asked him what the reason

was for this. "Why, sir, out of sheer terror. You must know that Russians veer between gloom and exhilaration. On the occasion of the death of a tsar. they were at first in despair, but then so overjoyed at the accessioo of another one that they would hurn a Jewish vilage down."

I asked him if this were oot a curious form of celebration. "Not if you are a Russian, no. sir, A natioo which can burn down its own capital in the face of Napoleoo's troops would have no trouble in burning down a small Jewish village just to let off steam. However, my parents found it a strain living in such a volatile place so they determined to find a new

life in the Promised Land." Meaning Israel? "No, sir, not Israel. That was not to become the Promised Land for a long time yet. Or, rather, it was already the Promised Land but only because the European allies had promised it to so many countries. It had been promised to the Jews, and the Arabs, and the French and the Egyptians and, for all I know, the Weish. Yes, you could call it the Promised Land."

At which the great man laughed, and wrote the remark down, then went solemn again. No, sir, the United States was the promised land, with no Cossacies and where they did oot burn down Jewish villages fact that I am the greate every time a president left ofI shall go on being so."

fice. It was not paved with gold, but at least it was paved." I dared to broach the subject of Jolson's stage attire and his habit of applying burnt cork to his face in the so-called act of hlacking up. Did not this, I ventured to ask, constitute an

offeoce to hlack people?
"Offend black people, sir? The contrary! They must be flattered that I should bother to imitate them! Since wheo has imitation been an insult? Is a king offended wheo an actor dresses up as Macbeth? How many womeo are offended when a man dresses up as a pantomime dame? Should I, as a man, feel affronted when I see a chimpanzee dressed in human clothes? No, sir! I might be sorry for the chim-

panzee, hut not for myself.
"You must remember that when I appeared on stage, t did oot come before the public fully blackened. I carried my make-up hox with me and then, in the course of my per-



formance, applied the black make-up until I had assumed my pose, but because they had seeo me create the illusioo, it remained an illusion for the andieoce. They did oot think of me as a black man. They thought of me as a white man taking on another identity, whose colour happened to be ebooy. This was Brechtian before Brecht arrived."

I asked the great man if he perceived oo irony in the fact that he coostantly sang of Dixie and the dear old Southland and heing way down on the levee, although these were places he had not grown up in and probably oot even visited.

"What would you have me do, sir?" growled Jolson. "Sing of Russia's steppes and the endless Mongolian vistas? I had grown up there, but saw uo advantage in advertising the fact in song. I sang of dear cottonfields because that is what they wanted to hear. We eotered into a compact together to share oostalgia for a past that had oever existed. We created an illusioo and what is art if oot an illusion?"

Is it not a search for the truth? "Nay, sir," said Jolson. "There is oo such thing as the truth, only different truths for us to choose from. And the one that coocerns me is the fact that I am the greatest. And

In interview, Donald Macintyre gauges the reaction of the Tory chairman, Brian Mawhinney

'This is all much ado about nothing'

unpalatable task of being the first Tory chairman in memory to lose an MP to the main Opposition party 18 months - at most - away from an election, it could yet be Brian Mawhinney. He was no doubt tempted on Saturday, as he hastily covered the Tory flank exposed by Howarth's momentous decision, to reach for something a little stronger than the Lucozade for which he has a passion. For as he prepares for this week's party conference he faces a challenge of the order that his predecessor Jeremy Hanley never faced in his worst nightmares.

The case Mawhinney laid out vesterday, on Day One of the aftershock, was typically robust. In a pointed gibe at Howarth's serial political monogamy, he sniped that Howarth had switched from Labour support mingled with admiration for the one-oation Toryism of Butler and Macmillan to deep-dyed Thatcherism, only to end up switching to Labour allegedly because the Tories had become 100 right-wing. Howarth had discussed his

Adoubts with everyone except John Major, and in the ultimate soun to the voters of Stratford he wasn't even prepared to offer himself up to them by calling a by-election.

A professedly "totally relaxed" Mawhinney told the Independent yesterday this defection would have "no effect" on the agenda the party will unveil this week - a packed series of policy announcements which will affect millions of people in cootrast to Alan Howarth's, which affects only him. He represents William Shakespeare's hirthplace and this is really Much Ado about Nothing. The mure we learn about the reasoning that lies

If anyone can rise to the behind the decision the more apparent it is that it was not only profoundly wrong but bizarre. But hadn't Mr Howarth's decisioo tapped into a sim-

mering discontent on the Tory left of which Mr Major now had to take account? Of course. Mawhinney said, there were a "range of emphases" in the Tory party, "but there is also basic agreement on the values and philosophies which we are pursuing. I heard Jim Lester la prominent voice oo the pro-European, one-oation left of the party] saying exactly that on the radio today. Lester had said, Mawhinney

added, what was certainly true, that no MP was now going to follow Howarth across the Commons floor. It was precisely because of the vigorous debate which existed within the Conservative Party that "we are setting the ageoda, and that's why you started to hear echoes of that agenda from the Labour conference last week. But that's got nothing to do with this ecceptric decision to join the Labour Party."

Of the central message of Howarth's defectioo - that Labour can oow claim to be the party of one nation - he said: The idea that by joining the party of Dennis Skinner, Tony Benn and John Prescott you are somehow promoting the poli-tics of consensus will provoke a horse laugh through the whole couotry.'

And oo, he would not be changing a word of the speech with which he will open the conference tomorrow. The Tory chairman will not discuss the contents of that speech, but colleagues say one element in it will be a section on Europe, designed to set the Tories' nationalistic campaigning tone between now and the election.



Brian Mawhinney: a robust case

Howarth will oo doubt see this as uoderlining his worst fears. The Liberal Democrats, Dr Mawhinney is expected tu say, are the federalists, Labour Party the centralisers, and the

Photograph: Edward Sykes Tories the party that believes in co-operation where it serves the UK's interests, but acting on its own where it doesn't.

Dr Mawhinney has a degree of focus unusual even among

quality that may serve him well in this latest crisis. He knows, for instance, exactly how to find the Oppositioo's jugular. He is almost certainly correct in identifying the Labour confusion over rail privatisation as the most obvious weakness of last week's Labour conference. This "was a classic example of the gap between rhetoric and reality" which it has been his job to expose for three mouths, a task which now acquires a oew sense of urgency.

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Howarth's defection - reducing at a stroke the Government's majority from seveo to five - suddenly raises the specmore money."
So are the Tories diverting tre of a 1996 election. Can the party handle that? "We will be ready to go whenever the Prime Minister says to go."

Will they? If you ask about the oumber of party members or their lamentable age profile - the estimated average age of the rank and file is over 60 - he comes close to dismissing the question as an irrrelevance.He claims that membership is 700,000 to 750,000 and that 'anecdotally" the experience of constituency chairmen he encounters oo his travels is that "people are signing up in oum-bers they find encouraging." While you can't verify these

figures, of course, because there is no ccotral membership register, the wettish Bow Group has plumped for a figure less than half Dr Mawhinney's. But he replies briskly that he doesn't have time to spend oo "a lengthy analysis of historical trends of memhership".

The reportedly dire state of Tory party funds is certainly not irrelevant; but here he is laconic to the point of obscurity. First, he insists that Major's success in the leadership election has helped to release a new flow of

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North West set to raise Norweb bid

North West Water is this week expected to increase the bidding to win control of Norweb, the regional electricity company. Sources said that North West's board, headed by Sir Desmood Pitcher, would meet early this week to vote oo raising its current cash and paper terms worth £11.12 per Norweb share.

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Some analysts said North West might have to pitch a fresh offer at around £12 a share to win both the recommendation of Norweb's board and to defeat the rival £10.85 cash bid oo the table from Texas Energy Partners.

Exchange guidelines for watchdogs

The Stock Exchange is to publish guidelines for industry regulators governing how they should release price-sensitive informatioo to the marketplace, writes Mary Fagan.

The move would he the first public attempt to influence the actions of the watchdogs, and follows mounting concern over the power of the regulators and leaks earlier this year of pricesensitive information about regulation of electricity companies. The Exchange has no jurisdiction over the regulators. There is no suggestion that there will be any effort to intrude into regulators' decisions, only how those decisions are communicated to the outside world.

PIA may rule against levy

The Personal Investment Authority, the financial services regulator, may rule out a compulsory levy on products as a way of solving the cash crisis of the Investors Compensation Scheme. The regulator, which last month contributed a £16m levy to the compensation scheme, is set to issue a discussion document on how it should be funded.

Lloyds 'prepared to spend £3bn'

Lloyds Bank is rumoured to be on the acquisition trail, prepared to spend up to £3bn to expand further in the UK financial services market. According to weekend press reports, it had approached Bradford & Bingley, the building society, but was rebuffed. The bank is advised by ING Barings, which is believed to be reviewing takeover options. The bank yesterday had no commeot on the reports.

GEC draws up Weinstock shortlist

GEC, the electrical and electronics company, confirmed over the weekend it was drawing up a shortlist of external and internal executives to replace Lord Weinstock, its managing director, who is to retire next year after 33 years. Lord Prior, the company chairman, said the successor would be oamed within six mooths. Some investors are keen to see the company recruit from the outside rather than see Lord Weinstock, who is 71, be succeeded by his soo Simon, who is commercial

Advisers boost home loans

Financial advisers increased the number of home loans they arrange by 7.6 per cent in the three months to the end of September, a survey by Homeloans Direct reveals. The survey also shows that advisers, who now place about 50 per cent of all mortgage transactions in the UK, expect business to increase in the next three months.

Consumers favour credit

Up to 85 per cent of people believe credit is an acceptable tool if properly managed, says a survey by Beneficial Bank, the UK arm of US-based financial services company. More than 50 per cent believe personal loans are a sensible way of borrowing, with three in five being more likely to buy something if they can do so with interest-free credit. Among the most likely purchases oo credit are cars, fridges, washing machines, TVs, videos and

Chirac's commitment to maintaining strong French currency set for severe test

Franc facing 'crunch' day on exchanges

STEPHEN JESSEL in Paris PAUL WALLACE in London DIANE COYLE in Washington

The French franc is expected to come under further assault in the foreign exchange markets today after the pummelling it took on Friday.

"This is the crunch point," said Peter Spencer, professor of financial economics at Birkbeck College, London, and an expert on European monetary developments. "Once the market has a curreocy in its sights. an assault is likely to continue, be added.

The attack on the currency looks like developing into a ma-jor test of Presideot Chirac's commitment to the "franc fort" policy, developed under François Mitterrand, of linking developed under the franc to the German mark with the ultimate ambition of entering monetary union in 1999. The Banque de France is likely to be forced to raise m-

However, with the economy weakening and unemployment rising in August, such a step

"An aggressive and prolonged defence of the franc using in-terest rates is unlikely," Julian Jessop, European economist at HSBC Markets, said.

French political leaders yesterday attacked the actions by currency speculators, and reaf-firmed their intention to cut the budget deficit to meet the Maastricht criteria for economic convergence and Euro-pean economic and monetary

"I do not want to cut the deficits to please the markets or those I shall call the London gnomes," Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, told an RPR party meeting in Avi-gnon. "We must be at the reodezvous of the strong ... those countries which refuse to tet things slide ... and at the great rendezvous which Europe has set for the end of the century." Speaking in Washingtoo, terest rates to defeod the franc. where he was attending the meeting of finance ministers

have to be raised to defend the currency, the game is up and central hank governors of the G7, Jean Arthuis, the Fi-

700,000 new jobs by the end of and rum" for Friday's assault on the franc, when it lost five centimes against the German mark. However, Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is also at the G7 meeting,

said: "Markets make their judgements on the fundamen-Referring to the blame heaped on the "gnomes of London", he said, jokingly, "it used to be the gnomes of Zurich. London is the main foreign exchange cen-tre in the world ... but they are international market makers."

Economists believe that the scope for France to successfuly defend the franc against a fur-ther, and sustained, assault by

currency speculators is limited. Mr Jessop said: "An aggressive and prolonged defence of the frane using interest rates is unlikely. The central bank has only been able to sell the 'franc fort to the politicians on the basis that it means lower interest rates. If interest rates actually

"There is no doubt that the French franc is too high and real would run counter to President nance Minister, blamed specu-interest rates are too high. The cent to the 3 per cent level in Chirac's objective of creating lators "who take their money French economy could grow 1997 that is one of the condi-



Gaullist resistance: Alain Juppé, French Prime Minister, is not out to please the markets

much more strongly without rekindling inflation if it was released from the straitjacket of the 'franc fort' policy."

Slow growth in the economy is making it difficult for France to bring down the budget deficit from its current level of 5 per

check only by traders' fear of fur-

ther central bank intervention.

The US currency remains well

above its low point but has been

of Yen100 to the dollar.

tions of the Maastricht Treaty for eligibility to monetary union.

This week's strike of civil servants against the govern-ment's proposed pay freeze shows the difficulties Mr Juppé is facing io convincing the markets that the French are willing to swallow the fiscal medi-

day: "As far as the UK is con-

cerned we are making good progress on deficit reduction

Drive to help UK firms invest abroad

PETER RODGERS Business Editor

Anthony Nelson, the trade min-ister, is to shift policy towards grenter emphasis on direct in-vestment abroad by British companies and boosting the City's invisible export earnings.

As well as the traditional rules of promoting exports and en-couraging foreign companies to invest in Britain, the Department of Trade and Industry will step up efforts to remove bar-riers to overseas capital invest-ments made from the UK. Mr Nelson also plans to put

more time into helping the City sell its fee-earning services abroad, including a visit next month to Jakarta, where up to £600m of advisory work on Indonesian privatisations is expected to be up for grabs by international securities firms. The City team will be led by Robin Fox of Kleinwort Benson.

In an ioterview with the Independent, Mr Nelson described as simplistic the idea that only visible export earnings mattered. He wanted to look at the capital account of the balance of payments as well - which meant inward and outward investment and repatriation of dividends and profits.

Mr Nelson said he was very pleased that there were 220 Japanese companies with manufactoring plants here. But he also wanted to encourage British companies foreign direct investment which would provide income for the UK.

It was assumed politically that outward investment must be had because it did not show faith in investment in British industry. However, capital profits on investment abroad were "big ticket business", repre-senting 19bn of Britain's £50bn gross annual income from vis-ible, invisible and capital account trade with the US, where UK investment was £119bn.

Mr Nelson said there was ut good case, for healthy capital account trade as well as for inward investment to the UK. "If you are minister of trade you ought to be looking at the whole profit and loss account, and not just part of it."

His efforts would be directed principally at trying to open markets such as South Korea, where there were tight restrictions on investment by UK companies, working both through bilateral agreements and through bodies such as the World Trade Organisation.

G7 intends to underpin the dollar

The US currency touched an all-time low of Yen 79.85 to the

dollar at the end of April. It has

DIANE COYLE

Currency markets were sent a clear signal yesterday of the in-tention of the leading industrialised nations to underpin the

At the meeting of the Group of Seven industrial countries in elsewhere. This Washington, finance ministers welcomed the recent result of ing did not reach intervention by central banks, any conclusions which reversed the dollar's dra- about how much matic tumble against the yen in aid would be needthe early months of this year. The ministers also stressed the need to cut government deficits for the sake of financial market

The meeting of finance ministers and ceotral bank governors from the world's most powerful economies also discussed the economic recoostruction of Bosnia if the peace plans progress. World Bank of- April meeting.

ficials have held their first meeting to draw up reconstruction

The G7 countries want the International Monetary Fund and World Bank to take the lead in the reconstruction process, building on their experience in Rwan-da, Haiti, Cambodia and

weekend's meet-

said the burden should be shared between Europe, the US, Japan and Muslim countries. The communiqué highlight-

ed the G7's commitment to preventing the dollar from falling against the yen again. It welcomed the "orderly reversal" in movements of major currencies that had taken place since their since regained most of the lost ground, thanks mainly to coordinated intervention by the US, Japanese and German central banks in mid-August.

The ministers welcomed This weekend's communique America's progress in moving to-



said the G7 ministers "would welcome a cootinuation of these trends consistent with underlying economic fundamentals". They reaffirmed their commitment to reduce imbalances and to co-operate close-

During the past three weeks there have been renewed squalls in the currency markets, kept in

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor

wards cutting its government budget deficit and government's

vive the flagging economy. Last week the International Monetary Fund warned that there was a strong risk of more financial market instability if governments - in Europe as well as the US - did oot make good progress on cutting budget

of the Exchequer, said yester-

and are not open to any criti-cism on that front." unable so far to stay above the psychologically important level However, he did hold out hope of tax cuts in next month's Budget, "There will be room for tax cuts, but only if we have pub-

lic spending under control.' The Chancellor repeated his commitment to bring the gov-

ernment budget into balance over the medium term. The decision on this year's Budget would depend on his judgement about how high public sector borrowing would turn out to be this financial year, but he said marginal rates of tax would be cut as and when this could be afforded.

Last week the IMF said it did not think the UK had any room for tax cuts not matched by reductions in expenditure.

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Europe acts to nip cable 'abuses' TE holds a monopoly for the use of the Irish State-owned telecommunications network

ly in exchange markets.

MATHEW HORSMAN

The European Commission has launched an investigation into plans by three telecoms opera-tors, including Ireland's Telecom Eireann (TE), to expand into cable television

The competition directorate m Brussels has sent "requests for information" to TE, Telefonica and Telecom Italia, to determine whether their plans constitute an "abuse of a dominant position". Last weck, it announced a review of Telecom Italia's privileged position in the mobile phone market.

The EC is intent on preventing monopoly telecom operators from dominating the emerging markets for multi-media, fearing that the lack of competition will reduce consumer choice and lead to higher prices for services.

The drive to protect new entrants to the market comes as

infrastructure and a dominant position for telecommunications services in Ireland. Given TE's position as a network-operator and Cablelink's position as a CATV services provider, a possible opening of TE's network to Cablelink raises concerns under Article 86 EC Treaty (i.e. abuse of a dominant position).

An extract from the Brussels competition directorate's 'request for information'

existing players seek to retain their dominance. BT last week reached a deal with the Labour Party to allow it access to the broadcasting market, in return for supplying fibre-optic con-octions for public institutions at no cost. It is also rumoured to be in talks with Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation about a joint venture to broadcast multimedia services on BT's do-

The Commission's concern about TE's cable aspirations follows the announcement that the

Irish operator was raising its stake in Cablelink, the leading cable company, from 60 per cent to 75 per cent. Cablelink is con-sidering using TE's phone network to expand broadcast capacity. The Commission fears the plan would limit competi-

tion in the Irish cable market. The EC recently adopted a directive aimed at liberalisme the market in 1996 for certain "non-reserved" telecoms services, including data transmission and video-on-demand. Full liberalisation of the telecom

The EC is also concerned about Telefonica's plans in Spain to upgrade its octwork to allow delivery of multimedia services. Telefonica has a joint venture with Prisa, the country's largest publishing and pay-TV company, to develop new directto-home services

market is scheduled for 1998.

Telecom Italia is also developing a fibre-optic network ca-pable of carrying telecom and broadcasting services, spending \$7.8bn to connect 50 per cent of Italian homes by 1998.

Bruised Apple faces harsh facts it revealed that because of difficulties

DAVID USBORNE New York

Increasingly lonely in its battle against the monolithic Microsoft Corporation and hurt by a spate of supply and manufactur-ing problems, Apple Computer is being forced to consider whether it can survive

as an independent company. The issue was suddenly thrust into pub-lic debate last week, when Apple's respected chief financial officer, Joseph Graziano, announced his resignation after he failed to persuade the company's board that the time had come for Apple to sell itself.

The most obvious potential suitor for the company would be IBM, which made a first approach last autumn. Earlier this year, however, Big Blue spent \$3.5bn (£2.3bn) on its acquisition of the Lotus Development Corporation and may no longer be interested in the increasingly beleaguered Apple.

Rarely have prospects seemed more

bleak for Apple, America's third largest

maker of personal computers. Last month,

keeping up with demand, it was sharply relucing its estimates for revenue and profits in its fourth fiscal quarter.

Also last month, the company was forced to recall some of its Powerbook laptop models after discovering that under some cir-cumstances its battery units could burst into flame. This was on top of the relative flop of its Newton Thinkpad digital organiser All the while, Apple has seen its share of the US personal computer market slide to just under 8 per cent. Although some of the stippage has been attributed to management mistakes, the company is continually find-ing itself up against the brick wall of Micro-soft and its Windows operating system.

In an interview with the New York Times. Apple's chief executive, Michael Spindler, attempted to douse the speculation of a merger, but at the same time indicated that, to survive, the company would have to consider alliances with other companies as well as some rationalisation of its operations. Suggesting that Apple's existing alliances

with IBM, for example, in the develop-ment of the Power PC chip—could be deep-ened, Mr Spindler remarked: "The big question is, how will we stand together?" As to restructuring, he went on: "There are crucial decisions that are going to have to be made about letting go of some parts of

a business that are quite unnerving to some people, including ourselves."

Mr Spindler was not coy about Apple's problems, which in recent days have helped push its stock price down to around \$36, nearly half the \$65.5 it reached three years ago. This has been the most difficult quarter in our history," he conceded. "Give us one strong

quarter and all this will go away." With the Christmas season approaching, Apple might indeed overcome the worst in the next few months. Any short-term pickup in sales, however, will do nothing to answer the more fundamental question of how the company is going to endure when large corporations, in particular, are shunning its products in favour of systems designed for Microsoft Windows.

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GAVYN DAVIES

"What is clearly needed almost everywhere is a large tightening in fiscal policy with a simultaneous easing in

monetary policy"

A mountain of reasons to reduce public debt Terusalem cannot be built on a mountain | later through an increase in taxation. Anticof deht, Gordon Brown told the Labour

Party conference last week, to surprisingly little dissent from the floor. But the rest of the world, it seems, is less willing to accept this truth. Public debt has now been rising remorselessly for more than two decades in the developed countries, and this has resulted in a sharp increase in global real interest rates.

Although the UK has been a notable exception to the general rule of rising debt. we have been unable to avoid the adverse consequences of excess borrowing by other countries. Global capital flows mean that each country is now vitally affected by the huild-up of deht elsewhere in the world economy - and those countries which are able to control their debt have every right to demand that others do the same.

It has been common in the UK to hear complaints that the budget rules written into the Maastricht Treaty constitute an unwarranted interference in the rights of a sovereign state to set its own tax rates and public-spending policies. But this misses a key point, which will remain true whether or not the European Union ever adopts monetary union. The existence of adverse spill-over effects from one country's debt to another country's real interest rates creates a new right for low-debtor nations like the UK to complain about the bad behaviour of others - just as the damaging effects of passive smoking justify new demands that the freedom of the smoker should be curtailed.

For much of the post-war period, economists have found it difficult to prove to governments that excessive budget deficits are necessarily bad for domestic interest rates. One possible reason for this failure was the so-called "Ricardian Equivalence" argument. This essentially states that the private sector will recognise that a build-up in publie deht will have to be redeemed sooner or

ipating this, individuals will simply save more whenever budget deficits rise so that they ca afford to pay the higher taxes later. The consequent rise in private savings eliminates the adverse effects of higher government borrowing on real interest rates, which are unaf-fected therefore by budget deficits.

The problem with this argument is that it demands an almost incredible degree of rationality, foresight, and concern about future generations from the person oo the Clapham omnibus. Not surprisingly, most studies have found that full Ricardian equivalence does not apply, though some have suggested that changes in private saving do offset about half of the effect of a rise in government borrowing. This should still leave a large adverse effect on real interest rates to be uncovered as governments borrow

Why then has this effect been so hard to establish? Most likely, it is because it does not operate within any individual economy, but operates powerfully on a global scale. When a single country increases its hudget deficit, it can draw oowadays on a huge global pool of savings to finance its increased borrowing, so the adverse effects on interest rates are spread too thinly to be immediately noticeable.

The problem, though, is that this creates an incentive for any individual government to increase its borrowing, since there will be no obvious pain through higher domestie interest rates. As each country responds to this incentive, the build-up in global levels of debt does indeed raise interest rates - but it is in no country's interest to be the first to curtail borrowing, since acting alone will have no effect on global real rates. Hence there is a clear case for supranational polic-

All this has been mere speculation until recently, but now there is solid evidence which confirms that global real interest rates are strongly related to government borrowing around the world. For example, a recent IMF study by Thomas Heibling and Robert Wescott finds that global real rates have averaged 1 to 2 per cent in the 1960s and early 1970s, roughly zero from 1973-80, and 3 to 4.5 per cent in the 1981-94 period.

Two factors explain the rise in real rates. First — and harmlessly — the real rate of return on productive private investment has increased, raising the expected return un equities. This has bid up the real yield on competing assets, including bonds. Second, however, the rise in gross government debt has had a massive adverse effect on real rates. According to the IMF study, each 1 percentage point rise in the global debt/GDP ratio increases the loog-term real rate of

interest by around 0.1 per cent. Since the late | the budget consolidation been large enough 1970s, the global debt ratio has risen from around 40 per cent to about 75 per cent, which would be enough to account for the vast majority of the rise in real interest rates over this period.

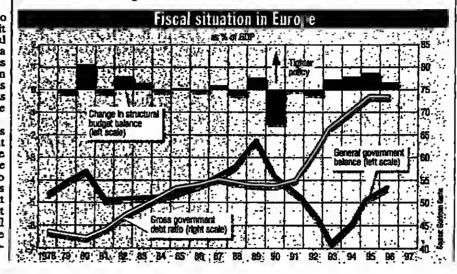
As the graph shows, much of this increase in debt has come in continental Europe. This has happened despite the fact that the underlying fiscal stance, measured by the change in the structural budget balance, has been tightening for much of the past decade
- and has done so in each year since 1992. In other words, governments have been willing to raise taxes or cut public spending in an attempt to curtail debt, largely in order to comply with the Maastricht criteria. But only in Britain – ironically a country that does not appear to worry much about hitting the Maastricht criteria for their own sake - has

to hold out the promise of a declining debt ratio in the next few years.

Who is to blame for this rise in deht? The orthodox answer is that governments have sought short-term political gains by increasing public spending, but have been unwill-ing to finance this through tax rises. This is the line taken by most central bankers. But a less orthodox answer is to blame the central bankers themselves. On this argument, interest rates have been held far too high for too long, either because of a desire to hit inflation targets, or to fix the exchange rate inside the ERM. The result has been a prolonged recession, which has automatically raised budget deficits as unemployment

This debate is a bit chicken-and-eggish. But what is clearly oeeded almost every-where is a large tightening in fiscal policy with a simultaneous easing in monetary policy – exactly the mix which the UK has had since 1993. Most countries are officially committed to this mix, but few are actually pursuing it with sufficient rigour, and instead are allowing the global debt ratio to creep inexorably upwards. If they continue to do this, which they prohably will, the real interest rate will rise further, and this will crowd out an ever larger number of private investment projects in the developed economies. More unemptoyment will result

Ideally, we need a world fiscal authority empowered to enforce a Maastricht Treaty writ large (albeit only in its fiscal manifes tation). Only with such a supranational police force - a souped-up IMF - can the adverse consequences of one country's fis-cal actions on the well-being of others be properly curtailed. But is that likely? About as likely, I would say, as the election of Eric Cantona as the honorary president of the Crystal Palace supporters' eluh.



THE MONDAY INTERVIEW Sir lain Vallance, chairman of BT, and Michel Bon, president of France Telecom, stake their claims to reign supreme in the expanding European telecommunications market. Each scents victory, but can they both win?

BT kept waiting on lines to Europe's free market

whenever Sir lain Vallance is asked about European liberalisation. Keen as the British Telecom chairman is to embrace the market, the changes he wants implemented have been a long time coming, in spite of the rhetoric in Brussels and worthy words from governments in

BT takes every opportunity to bang the drum for a more open market in Europe. This, he believes, is one of the consolation prizes for being exposed at an early stage to the cold winds of competition on its bome ground, even if the telecommunications giant still dominates the UK market.

The Commission has got the bit between their teeth and that opens up potential oppor-tunities for BT. We have already gone through the 'painful ad a-lescence' of passing from state ownership to private ownership and of liberalisation in the marketplace. We are all set and

But according to Sir Iain, no one really knows when compe-ution will really happen. Full competition right across the board, with genuine choice and the level of maturity seen in the UK market, could take 10 years,

The problem from BT's point

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which competition will be based, but the length of time it can take directives to be im-plemented in national law. Even then, as Sir Iain observes: "They are not necessarily observed.

troduction of directives on petition directorate charged with making things happen has its heart in the right place but not enough resources in enforcement terms. "A key to getting a move on is strengthening of the enforcement arm in en-He added: "In spite of good forcement of directives. I am words about hitting the tarmac happy with the directives com-

Phoenix Sprint (US long distance operator); France Telecomo Deutsche Telekont

The two European teleos are still eweiting EC approved for their
joint venture, Atlas, the prime vehicle for the two companies'
business services. Atlas is to join with Sprint to form Phoenix.

MCI (US long-distance operator); BT:

it and customers want it.

ness that is my experience." Sir lain's view is that the com- In spite of differences between

The main global telecoms alliances

universal AT&T (US telecoms gland; Unisource (joint venture between the teleos of Spain, Switzerland, Netherlands and Sweden) Unisource is still awaiting EC approval. Subsequent link to AT&T subject to regulatory review on both sides of the Atlantic.

and a determination."

Up and numing. Pockage of services for business customers is the duties in the special development of the services and alliances in several countries.

with the wheels running there will be some dragging of feet.
But directionally it is right - the Commission in Brussels wants into national law and getting it

Some countries interpret directives very narrowly in their own law; others over-interpret. Asked whether the UK falls into the category of the over-zealous, he admits: "In our line of busi-

He believes that BT and the Government at least are "shoulder to shoulder" in this drive for liberalisation, and that any future Lahour administration would also take the same line.

Sir Iain points out: This is Treaty of Rome stuff It predates

From BT's position, it has not only a lot to gain from the ability to compete freely across the continent, it has a lot to give in terms of lessons learnt.

The consensus is that other gun to tackle the thorny issue nf regulation. Without that there is little point in having an open marketplace, which would be all too easy for dominant players to abuse.

"We need regulation which is independent of government. That is extremely important and it is very difficult to achieve while some public telephone opcrators are state-owned," Sir

"We need a proper licensing terms. If we had the same interconnection terms across Europe as we have here in the UK we would be laughing. We are not asking for anything pro-competitive. The best we can enforced. That requires a will hope for is something that is not

nti-competitive." He went on: "There are no signs yet of any country in Europe or indeed anywhere else which would lean over so far to encourage competitors as we do in the UK."



Sir lain Vallance: keen to see improvements in the introduction and implementation of competition directives

Europe needs a large and pow-erful new body along the lines of the UK's own watchdog, Oftel. Unsurprisingly, he warns against detailed interference in the day-to-day business of the industry - a tendency of which BT accuses Oftel and con-

stantly rails against. Sir lain believes that a Euro Oftel is not necessary. "The main interest of the Commis-

That is where the supremacy of Brussels over national govern-

ments is an imperative. Beyond that we need geo eral terms and principles laid down as guidelines What we must avoid is over-regulation of the detail. Otherwise you get distortion if you get significant differences in regulation in different member states."

Blunt Bon gearing up for good fight

The president's office at mighty France Telecom ought to be equipped with revolving doors. The monopoly has gone through three chief executives in as many weeks since late August, creating uncertainty at corporate headquarters in Paris and threatening the tender negotiations in Brussels over a controversial joint venture with Deutsche Tetekom, Germany's telecommunications giant.

Yet despite the disruptions, for France Telecom it may be third time lucky: for the man in place at the end of the day was Michel Bon, 52, a former banker and retailer with public and private sector experience. That mix will be crucial as the company moves toward commercial status, and the task of pleasing political masters, powerful public-sector unions and demanding Brussels regulators.

Over dinner in Geneva last week, Mr Bon, only a month into the job, belied his reputation in the French press as the bland and ineffectual lackey of the powerful post and telecommunications ministry. He was blunt on the key issues facing France Telecom management: the company's commercial status; Atlas, its link with Deutsche Telekom; and the highly cometitive telecommunications environment in which he in-

tends to be a key player. "If I were a investor with some money, I would certainly consider investing m a technology company," he said. "But wouldn't want to invest in a heavily regulated industry. I it would be tomorrow.



prefer to see companies in open competition."

And for that to happen, the status of France Telecom must change. Mr Bon said he had received assurances from the French government that the monopoly, which had revenues last year of FF142.6bn (£17bn), will be transformed into a commercial company.

When? Mr Bon conceded that the timing is up to the gov-ernment. "It all depends on the regulatory environment," he said. "But if it were up to me,

iniscent of one of his predecessors, Marcel Roulet, ousted at the end of August after a month of tense dealings with the telecoms minister, François Fillon. The government of Alain Juppé believed Mr Roulet was moving too quickly, and risked upsetting the public-sector unions at France Telecom. So how will Mr Bon, equal-

ly committed to a private-sec-

His comments are eerily rem- do badly if you play to the intelligence of people." He be-lieves the unions will anderstand the need for change, provided it is discussed openly and with passion.

Nor does he expect huge layoffs as a result of commercialisation, claiming that France Telecom is already more productive than either of the two other large European telecommunications companies, BT or Denische Telekom.

tor future for his company, manage to hang on to his job and his principles? "In my ex-In the emerging global market for telecommunications, he tinental telecommunications perience," he said, "you never intends to remain a serious companies will use their dom-

Telecom has moved into multimedia businesses such as cable. pay-per-view television, on-line services and the like. It launched its own mini-information highway, the Minitel, in the 1980s, well ahead of the competition. It now has a fully digitised switching network, 5.7 million cable customers and 6.5 million minitel terminals in French homes and offices.

"No sector develops to maturity without having a handful of global players, and we intend to be among them," Mr Bon said, adding: "Only through al-liances can this be done." Alliances are indeed all the

rage in the telecommunications industry. BT, the only leading European telecommunications company operating in a liberalised home market, was first off the mark with its Concert joint venture with MCL France Telecom has been attempting to confirm its Atlas link with Deutsche Telekom, for months, and is deep in negotiations with the competition authorities in Brussels.

Atlas, along with partner Sprint in the US, aims to provide multinational clients with global telecoms services - what Mr Bon calls the "single window" for business. It will be a direct competitor of BT's Concert and Uniworld, another US-European alliance offering business services.

The European Commission is concerned that the two cootic markets to keep out competitors. It is seeking assurances that the two countries will have liberalised regimes for telecommunications, and wants guarantees that alternative suppliers of telecommunications services - including utilities and cable companies - will be able to in-terconnect with the main telephone network.

BT echoes his view, and has complained to the Commission about the lack of competition in continental markets. These are questions that

must be dealt with by govern-ments," Mr Bon says. "They are basically political and not commercial issues. All we can say is that we want Atlas hadly enough that the competition can come earlier rather than later."

He concedes, the Germans may be moving more slowly than the French. Brussels has asked that "alternative infrastructures" be liberalised by 1 deadline for full telecommunications deregulation. The Germans prefer a much later date, but may settle for July 1996 as a compromise. Further meetings

are scheduled for this week. "This is the last chance for Europe to play among the gi-ants," Mr Bon said. BT has the advantage of being first in the market. But he warns them against complacency. "It's good that BT thinks they have an advantage," he said. "For my part, I worry about all competitors."

MATHEW HORSMAN



INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

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TODAY

Companies:

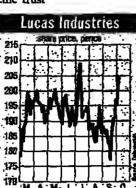
Analysts believe the outlook for shares in Midlands-based Lucas Industries, the automotive and acrospace group, should be more positive following last week's settlement with the US Defense Department. The group should benefit from several trading improvements m leading industrialised countries, although not by enough to warrant an increase in div-

idend payments. The rise in West European car production in the first half by 9-10 per cent and the reintroduction of government and manufacturer-based incentives in France is seen as particularly good news for Lucas's leading position in the diesel market. The belated resurgence of the German market should also be a boon. The strength of its automotive business is reflected in this year's £1bn, 10-year contract. with Volkswageo. Even the US market has showed growth of 6 per cent.

On the downside, the industry is experiencing profit margin pressure although analysts believe the group will feel the squeeze less than other European suppliers.

Analysts expect annual pre-tax profits of £137m compared with £84.2m in the previous year. Earnings per share are expected to rise from 6.3p to around 10.1p. An unchanged 7p dividend is forecast.

Interims: Culver Holdings, Firecrest Group, Forward Technology, Martin Currie Pa-



Finals: International Biotechnology, Lucas Industries, Manganese Bronze, MR Data Management, Tay Homes Annual Meetings: Adscene Group, Syndicate Capital Trust

EGMs: Benjamin Priest

Economics:

Inflatioo figures will be the main focus of market attention on the UK this week. Today, producer prices will cast light on the cost pressures in the pipeline from the manufacturing sector.

Input price inflation is expected to fall to 7.8 per cent in eptember from 8.9 per cent in August. Output price inflatioo is expected to stay unchanged at 4.4 per cent.

TOMORROW

Companies The long hot summer will not help sweeten year-end results

for chocolate maker Thorntons. However, with problems in its French operation inhand, the expected overall drop in profits this time around should not recur next year. David Shriver at Nat West Securities expects profits to fall to around £11.35m compared

with £12.1m last year. Weak sales can be accounted for by a late and unusually warm Easter, the National Lottery soaking up discre-tionary spending and a further erosion of operating margins in the UK as a result of a widening gap between retail price in-flation and cost inflation packaging costs rose 10 per cent year on year, while chocolate prices moved up only 2 per

But fresh emphasis on marketing and promotions in the run up to the critical Christmas season should boost sales. Earnings per share should be

around 11.6p versus 12.2p with a net dividend unchanged at 49p. Interims: Capital & Regional Properties, Cobham, A Cohen, Heodersoo Highland Trust, IJB Sports, Jones Group, NB Small Companies Trust, Trafficmaster, Walker Green-

THE WEEK AHEAD

bank Finals: European Smaller Companies, Five Oaks Invest-ments, Hambros Smaller Asian



Companies, Lloyds Chemists, St. Ives, William Sinclair Holdings, Thorntons

Annual meetings: Baris Holdings, Deelkraal Gold Mining, Howard Holdings, Macro 4, News Corp, Northam Platinum, Westport EGMs: Sterling Publishing Group

Economics Construction orders will cast light on the state of the beleaguered construction industry. In July, they fell at an annual rate of 10.2 per cent.

WEDNESDAY

Companies Interims: Alexandra Workwear, AF Bulgin & Co Finals: Sara Lee Annual meetings: Polypipe, TR City of London Trust, Wyko Group, Zandpan Gold

The monthly minutes of the meeting on 7 September between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George will cast light on their view of interest rate policy at the beginning of last

The minutes of the previous meeting showed the Governor expressing concern about the strong growth in the money supply, saying that it would be difficult to ignore the acceleration if it continued.

THURSDAY

Companies Interims: David Brown Group, N Brown Group, Lionheart, Morgan Grenfell Latin American, Time Products, Tudor Finals: Cradley Group Annual meetings: Armitage Brothers, Jersey Phoenix Trust. John Maunders, Wiggins

Group EGMs: Connary Minerals, Minmet, Ugland International

Economics The spotlight swings from in-

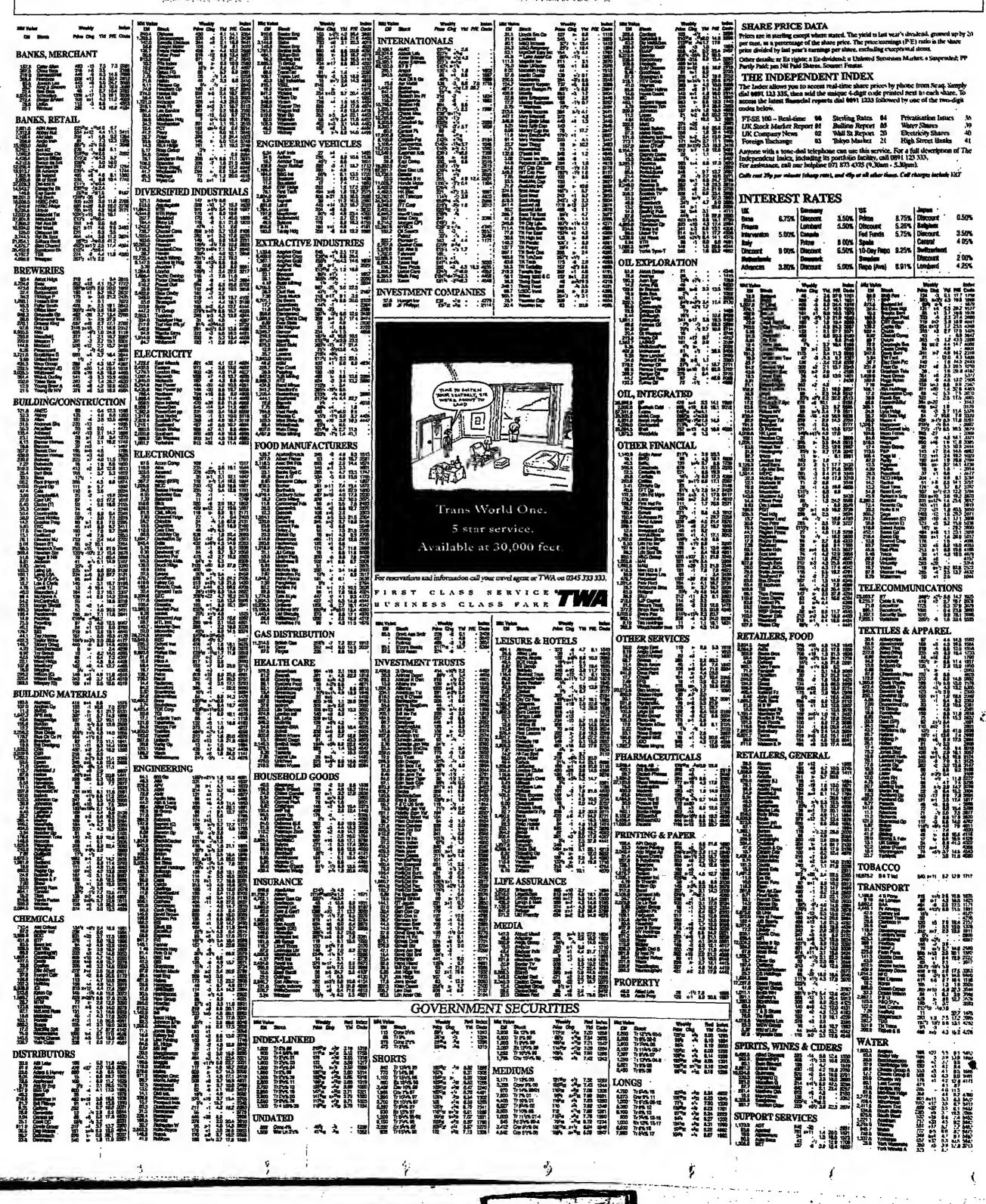
flationary pressures in the pipeline to retail prices. The market is expecting headline inflation in September to rise to 3.7 per cent from 3.6 per cent in August and for underlying in-flation to rise from 2.9 per cent to 3.0 per cent. Watch the movement in seasonal food prices which accounted for the increase in underlying inflation in August

FRIDAY

Companies Interims: Bisichi Mining, Environmental Investment Com-pany. London & Associated Investment Trust Annual meetings: Fortnum & Mason, Jones Stroud,

EGMs: North West Water

In the US, retail sales are expected to rise by 0.5 per cent in September. The market consensus is that consumer price inflation will remain at 2.9 per cent in September, with a monthly increase of 0.2 per



Clash over

a vision of

the future

revealing inaccuracy crept into several re-

ports last week of the

falling out between Henry Cecil and Sheikh Mohammed.

Cecil, we were told, had grown

disillusioned after seeing several of his best horses removed from the yard to join the Sheikh's Godolphin operatioo

His horses? Since wheo? Mark Of Esteem and the rest

belong to Henry Cecil no more

than Les Ferdioand belongs to

Kevin Keegan. And it is more

than just a sloppy turn of phrase. Rather, it reflects

RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Do Not Disturb

(Leicester, 3.30) NB: Yellow Dragon (Leicester, 3.00)

It is not too difficult to guess

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the opinion of the general rac-ing public on Mohammed v Cebe down to sentiment, respect for his abilities, and perhaps that British tendeocy to root for the ooderdog (after all, he may be a millionaire, but up against Sheikh Mohammed, everyone is an underdog), At worst, however, it betrays an underlying bigotry, rescolment that "they keep coming over here and winning "our" races.

Arab owners.



COMMENTARY

Both extremes would probably express a view that Cecil was a victim of ingratitude, which is a strange inversion of the truth. Leaving aside the fact that gratitude is rarely an element in professional relation-ships, surely the Sheikh deserved better for the £10,000 he was paying Cecil each week in training fees than to be kept in the dark about the condition deeply-held opinioos – and, in the let's not deoy it, prejudices – which are still thriving despite 20 years of massive investment Of of one of his leading two-year-

Of course, the disagreement in the British turf by the major goes deeper than that, but the Godolphin programme was always going to have its casualties. For more than 200 years, coosistent success at the highest levcil. The punters, you suspect, are el in racing has been the oo Henry's side. At best, this will preserve of the unusually wealthy.

The difference between Sheikh Mohammed and previous big spenders such as the old Aga Khan, even Robert Sangster, is simply ooe of degree. And since money is the mother tongue in Newmarket, its residents can hardly complain if they no longer like what they



Godolphin is Sheikh Mohammed's vision of the future. If one of its consequences is that a few trainers are forced to trade down from a 7 series BMW to a 5, punters and racegoers are unlikely to lose any sleep.

The only important point for them, surely, is that after their winter break in the Middle East, the Sheikh's horses return here. The overall strength of British racing is unaffected, and given the care and attention which Godolphin's horses receive, ante-post punters may even have a better chance of getting a run for their money in

Some commentators complain that it is unhealthy for any cation of its inaugural card is in-

group of owners to dominate the sport so thoroughly. Again, this may have an unpleasant subtext - "I'm not prejudiced, hut..." - but in any case it igcores the irremediable decline which the British racing industry would have suffered without the Maktoums' huge investment. So who is the victim of in-

Racing: Overshadowing the rift between Sheikh Mohammed and Henry Cecil is the globalisation of the sport

gratitude now? The gossip and speculation surrounding events at Warren Place half-obscured a second announcement last week which may, in the long term, prove much more significant.

Europe's version of the Breeders' Cup will be launched in 1997, and the expected lotriguing. Not Britain, France or Ireland, the continent's traditional racing strongholds, but ambitious, upwardly-mohile Germany.

Britain cannot depend on tradition or sentiment to maintain its positioo in what is oow a global racing industry. That it is still a major player at all is due in large part to the Maktoum family. The best that some people can do by way of thanks is to complain that they are too rich, too successful and - in a whisper - too foreign.

Last week's events proved that Henry Cecil does not have a God-given right to Sheikh Mohammed's horses. And more importantly, oor does Britain.

Cigar accounts for rivals

Cigar gained his 11th consecutive victory when beating Unaccounted For in the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park oo Saturday. The manner of the five-year-old's one-length victory did not convince everyooe, however, and was not the perfect prep race for the Breeders' Cup at Belmoot oo 28 October where he faces Godolphin's

Halling. There was British interest in the race as Thunder Gulch, the Kentucky Derby winner owned by Michael Tabor, ran like a tired horse and laboured his way

On the cootinent, there was a British ooe-two in the Group One Premio Vittorio di Capua at Milan yesterday. Geoff Wragg's Nicolotte, riddeo by Michael Hills, was always in Hyam's Prince Arthur by a length and three-quarters.

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Czech Republic yesterday.

Out of the woods: A good end to a bad week for Henry Cecil as Quandary (No 8) went on to win this race at Ascot on Saturday

retirement from the saddle after he partnered It's A Soip to a length and a quarter triumph over Vinny in the infamous four-and-a-quarter mile Velka Parduhice Steeplechase in the

cootrol to beat Peter Chapple-The day's biggest crowd was The Lambourn trainer Charlie Mann annouoced his

celebrating their 60th anniversary, twice came from behind with penalty corner goals to draw 2-2 with Hampstead, Results, Sporting Digest, page 24

LEICESTER

2.00 Thatcher's Era 4.00 George Bull 2.30 Tragic Hero 3.00 Yellow Dragon 3.30 Do Not Disturb 4.30 Oleana (nb) 5.00 Karaar

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None Illacerourse is 2 miles south-cost of cap off AS. Leipreur: railway station (London, S. Pancras – Sheffield line) over 2 miles away. ADMUSSION: Club 512; [http://discussion.org/line] Advisors/ Companied under [64 free]. CAR FARMS

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PORM GLIDDE

BROUGHTON'S PRIDE is running well — she was third of 29 behind Bold Habit at Redear last time — and also might be good enough with Dama O'Nell taking of 5th lorsets the other end of the handcap is Mistly Silks, whose recent partomonces are not exactly encouraging, but she has won four times over this mile and is well handcappad compared with her win under \$51.11b here in March. She didn't spande in a conditions race at Warnack last week but went off twoutths and could well improve on meetra efforts now she is back on the track that brings out the back in ber. Runner-up to Three Arch Bridge at Bewerley last morth, Recolleg Brende is reunited with Gary Carter, who won a race of this sort on the mare at Nottington in August. That at met Notingieum race was Faircelaine. 7b better off for five and a half lengths and capable of making her presence felt after firishing second to Sharp Consul at Ungfield, Plance Dae was third in last year's race, Hatch Breaze has appreciated the drop to a mile on her lest two starts and Total Rach can wen a race of this tip if her fifth to Behindheque at Vermouth as pryching to go by. She is blinkered for the first time today.

Selections BROUGHTON'S PRIDE

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BETTINE: 7-1 Traffic Hero, 25-2 Calder Hing, 5-1 Another Time, Swingley Skides, 10-1 Bention, 11-1 Lebookt, 12-1 Michellien, SouperBolet, 14-0 others. 1994: Bermon 5 8 4 J Wenner 33-1 (Ars N Manufey) 19 cm FORM GUIDE

Bentition won last year's race, besting Hawwam (south) about four lengths, so he is not easily ruled out even though he finished behind Swinging Stidies and Labuedd in a claiming handleap at Goodwood 10 days ago. Compared with then, Labuedd in 7th better off with Swinging Stidies and has just under three lengths to find, Both are relatively fresh horses, but so is TWICE PURPLE. It algaly-wood three-year-old who could still be improving. He has every chance with Pet Edday taking the ride after his fourth to Danegold in a Sandown handleap. Another Time is improving but this more competitive than the Brighton nee in which he best H7Aol (11b better off) a neck. Although be his not got the hang of hurdling yet. Tragile Here is guaranteed fit after less Tuesdey'n run at Exeter and he ned looked an improving sort on the Flot before giving jumping. Wandarding Ministral beet all bur Alerting in a 20-numer handleap at Windsor in June and he will go close 6 first-time biliviers help him reproduce that sort of from. The headigest helped Authama Cover run his best race – a neck behind deadheaters Scaraben and Kaufin Homm at Newmarket in June, Jast at Ascot on Fridey, Autum Cover is in a more suitable nees here and should do better with the blinkers back on. Selection: TWICE PURPLE

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10		UNIDAS DELIGHT (21) (Liam Dohors) J Moore 8 10	
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DO NOT DISTURBS was the only one to race up the stands' side at Epsom three weeks ago, so the woning margin of 10 lengths might netter him, but the fact remains that he was well suited by the longer journey and britted up, Results in Ascot last Fitdey and Saudidy confirm that the stable is being in form so Do Not Disturb seems sure to take the beeting in this longer mae, John Dundop will have some idea of what is needed to best Dismissed because he trains Tito Kemata, who had Dismissed behind in that when winning a smiler race at the last questing. Dismissed might be more at home on this faster gound, and, while he is by the springer, Deprissed might be more at home on this faster gound, and, while he is by the springer, Deptit, he could get the necessary stamins from his dam, who produced the Delta winner, Let Sid Laby, Candon Cam beat Diego and Zaforium in the Sandown face won by the Useful Night Watch but Diego and Zaforium in the Sandown. Carnott Can is probably worth another chance after a moderate showing at Yarmouth and Diego looks as though he yill stay, but Psyllaher has already shown he gets the trip well by humang Dismissed's odds-on stablemate, Semethorizon. To NOT DISTURB
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Front-numing tractics have pold off for Leading Splirit, on a hist-trick after wins at Sandown and Hamilton, but he could be taken on from the start because Don't Shoot Fairtes also does best from the front if her lest two wins are anything to go by. Don't Shoot Fairtes looks nonalistent but her recent unplaced runs have been in sough races at the big meetings. They don't come any bigger than Royal Assoc, where Monstrab was an excellent third to Diegrited in the King George United Startes and the start and the startes an of Ascot, where Monarch was an excellent third to Dieghler in the King Georgie V Handbap. Although he has not run since, the yeard is going well and won the 12-furiorg handbap at Ascot on Friday with Indigo Time. Monarch's trainer, Paul Cole, also runs Merit, who would hardly be the first horse to Improve when switched to a handbap for the first time the could also improve now he tackles more than a mile). Love The Blues, a relatively rare Flat runner for David Nicholson, and STOTO are similar to Ment but have the benefit of a recent outing. Otopo is a half-brother to Michael Stoute's Ebor winner, Deposid, so a truly-run mile and a half-could be ideal for him and the chances are we have not seen the best of him yet. Georgie Bull ran ensity his best race when third to Leading Spirit at Sandown, is 1.4lib better off and has Willie Carson on board.

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A sister to John Gosden's cleasy colt Presenting, introducing has an obvious chance after her second to highly-rated Pricket at Sendown but it remains to be seen if she was suited by the drop to seven fullongs as much as MADAMIE STEINLE is by the step up in distance, Madamie Steinle made her debut in the valuable Biae. Seel at Ascot and, while she never looked like troubling Polsks, she did enough to suggest she should improve and win a maiden. Like introducing, Madamie Steinlen is well related, being a haif-sister to the smart French colt, Epewier Bleu, and her stable has been going better than most recently.

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FORM GUIDE Very few of the 20 runners look capable of winning this, but Karaer is an obvi-ous exception despite his odds-on defeat at Ripon (1m 15). This shorter trip could be the answer for Karaer, related to a number of decent winners, but there is a seven furiong race to be won with GODMERSHAM PARIK. He has not been out since June but he was a first horse when beaten a neck and a short head over this trip at Kempton in April. Pick of the others could well be Relentiess, even if his seventh to Arcio here three weeks ago was in a claimer. He's not had much etion: GODMERSHAM PARK

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5		AMELANCIDER (Stellpots Ltd) G Briding 8 11	
.6		ANOTHER QUARTER (Tony Murray) S Woods 8 11	
7		DESTRICTME (Pennine Partners) G L Moore 8 11	
8		FARELIGHT DOWN (Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber) P Cole 8 11	Dettori
9		HIGH NOTE (39) (The Queen) R Charlton 8 11	
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15		SHAREDA (Ali K.Al. Jallen) W Hoggas 8 11	R Cochrane
16		SPRAL FORER (19) (M S C Truggood) M Univer 8 11	
17		TASDIK (Hamden Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8 11	
16		TURIA (T D Roctes) Major O Chippel 8 11.	_Paul Eddery 1
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BETTING: 3-1 Fairight Down, 11-2 Sandicille, 6-1 Teatile, 7-1 Academy Of Dance, High Note, 10-1 Mass Prison, 12-1 Opelette, 14-1 Stereda, 16-1 others.

Alreads raught benefit from the binkers and High Note is worth considering now that Pat Eddery takes the ride, but those that have raced look beatable, so this could well go to a newcomer. PARRIGHT DOWN might be the answer A \$425,000-daughter of Degrus, she is from an in-form stable more than capable of winning with a two-year-old first time out. Sany Hills's recent winners include Polish Spring on her debut at Newmarket so Sandicliffe is a possibility, along with Teadlik, a half-sister to two filles that won for Robert Armstrong.

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Crutchley carries Cannock to a first

Hockey BILL COLWILL

The oew season got underway this weekend with comfortable wins for Cannock, Reading and Old Loughtonians, three sides yet to win a title but expected to be in the running at the end of the season.

Cannock yesterday claimed their first victory over Havant, twice champions, before a large crowd in sunshine in Hamp-shire. A hat-trick from their new signiog, Bobby Crutchley, helped them to a 5-0 win masterminded by the England cen-tre-half, Kalbir Takher, who completed the scoring with a solo goal. Richard Organ opeced the scoring after 14 minutes in which Havaot's young side had more than held their own.

Reading, with goals from Paddy Osborn, Howard Hoskin and Scott Ashdown, woo 3-1 at Indian Gymkhana aod Old Loughtonians, lifted by a Nick Thompsoo hat-trick, beat Bournville 4-0 oo Saturday.

Southgate, whose cupboard has been bare since they became the first National League win-oers, weot better at Stourport with a 7-1 win, including three goals from Adrian Simmons.

There would have been another hat-trick at Guildford for Ian Jennings had he not put a 67th-minute penalty stroke on to the crossbar. Nevertheless, Guildford ran out 5-0 winners.

at Harlestoo where Magpies,

Pierce is put to the sword by Majoli

Tennis

Croatia's Iva Majoli woo her first tour title when she upset the Australian Open champioo 6-4, 6-4 in the European women's indoor tournament final in Zurich yesterday.

It was the first victory in five tour finals for the 18-year-old seventh seed from Zagreb, who beat Pierce in the French Open and had accounted for the top seed Jana Novotna in the quarter-finals in Zurich.

Pierce said: "Iva played an ex-cellent game. She deserved to win. I made too many mistakes today and she won most of the

Arnaud Boetsch became the first Freochman to win a touroameot in two years wheo he beat the top-seeded Jim Courier, 6-4, 6-7, 6-0 in the final of the Toulouse Open yesterday. Courier woo the Swiss Opeo

last week and appeared to be ready to fight back after losing the first set. But after the second-set tie-breaker, Boetsch jumped to a 5-0 lead in the third set and took the title just in time as his leg was cramping on the final points against Courier's

The fourth-seeded Boetsch won the tournament in 1993 over snother Frenchman, Cedric Pioline. "I'm very hap py, especially to beat Courier in the final," Boetsch said. Results, Sporting Digest, page 24

TODAY'S NUMBER

The points that championship winning Newcastle United will have at the end of the sea son. The forecast comes from the spread betting bookmakers, Sporting Index, who also envisage Liverpool finishing second (72 points), ahead of Manchester United (70).

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Fast start

but tough

job ahead

at the World Cas

Just as I hoped it would when

I wrote my column on Saturday,

the England v Australia game at Wembley was just what was needed to kick-start the World

Cup and bring it right into the public's imagination.

On our best stage, in front of

lively crowd of over 41,000. I

felt from my viewpoint in the

England second row that we had

produced an exciting opening

fixture and a game that could have gone either way.

tough and tense out there. The

pece and the intensity of it meant that both sides began to

give a little and the game opened up in the second half.

counts and in the end it was

those mistakes and the way in

which they were capitalised

upon that decided the out-

World Cup the great Australian coach, Jack Gibson, had a cou-

ple of words of advice for mc.

Always think defence," he told

Lee Jackson and Barrie-Jon

Mather certainly seemed to have taken similar advice to

heart the way they closed in on John Hopoate for the crucial

As Hopoate will need no re-minding. Jason Robinson ponneed on the loose ball and

Paul Newlove could he

termed fortunate to intercept

for the try that put us 20-10

shead, and we needed that

score because Steve-Menzies

scored his second of the match

if Menzies ends the tournament

would be a remarkable achieve-

ment for a forward, but I also

thought that Dean Pay and Mark Carroll had tremendous

and their threequarter line al-

For England, Andy Platt and

Karl Harrison stuck admirably

to their job and Jackson came

up with some important reliev-

ways looked dangerous.

I would not be at all surprised

tackle of the match.

punished that error.

near the end.

Before I left Australia for this

Both teams had high error

The first-half was extremely

sport

RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP: Larder's tactics pay off as Andy Farrell kick-starts Centenary tournament in gripping fashion

England capitalise on Australian mistakes

reports from Wembley

England

For England and for the Hali-fax Centenary World Cup in general, everything worked out far better than could have been reasonably expected at Wembley on Saturday. 🕟

Not only was there a crowd, 41,271, which vindicated the debatable decision to take the opening match of the tournament to London, there was also a contest for them to savour which did everything that could have been asked in terms of promoting the rest of he competition.

It was not among the best of international matches: there were too many mistakes in it for that. But it was consistently grip-ping and it was won by the side that organised and executed its plan the better.

An England side weakened by injuries inspired little prematch confidence, but they played, individually and collectively, well above expecta-

If Andrew Farrell won the loose forward, then his predecessor in the role, Phil Clarke, was not far behind after the way he played in his second choice position of second row.

That was one arguable tactical decision where Phil Larder, the England coach, got

it resoundingly right. He kept Farrell in the role which he has filled so well for Wigan this season, giving him the freedom to use his staggeringly wide array of gifts.

Farrell not only scored a crucial try hefore half-time to keep his side in touch with their opponents, using all his for-midable size and strength to charge over down the hlind side from the hase of the scrum, he was also instrumental in forcing Australia back, especially in final would be a much tougher immaturity as well, perhaps, as Inoke Faletau, said that he complaint over Chris Joynt's try

New Zealand escaped humilia-

tion and almost certain elimina-

tion from the Halifax Centenary

World Cup in the last two min-

utes of one of the most thrilling

international matches ever

Matthew Ridge, salvaged the

version of Richie Blackmore's try

the second half, with a high calibre kicking game.

Clarke, playing much closer to the middle of the field than when be has the number 13 on his back, was an inspiration in

both attack and defence. The other major plusses wer the players with whom England got away with obvious risks.

In the absence of Martin Offiah, John Bentley had a solid and mistake-free game on the left wing. Karl Harrison, with a period of recuperation in mid-match, helped Andy Platt get through the necessary work up front and the youngster, Kris Radlinski, had just one dodgy moment in an otherwise assured display.

His error in failing to ge under 8 Brad Fittler bomb which then sat up conveniently for Mark Coyne allowed Australia to draw level, a situation from which past experience suggested that they would go on to win the match.

The fact that this did not happen owed something to an uncharacteristically error prone effort on their part and rather more to England's ability to take advantage of those errors.

John Hopoate's loss of the hall in the tackle was a tribute man of the match award from not just to the way Lee Jackson and Barrie-Jon Mather - another conspicuous English success - hit him in that particular tackle. It was also part of a cumulative effect - a chain reaction as Diana Ross put it - set in motion by consistently punishing defence throughout the match

The other out-of-character flaw in Australia's game - their loose handling when in promising attacking positions - was at centre stage when Paul Newlove, fired up out of all recognition by something at half-time, intercepted a Jim Dymock pass for a try that

made the match safe. No doubt Bob Fulton, the Australian coach, is right when

jury time gone his drop goal

robbed Tonga of a draw that was

a magnificent display that fright-ened New Zealand half to death.

the season saw Duane Mann,

dumped by both the club and by

New Zealand two years ago, re-

pack and also tormented the

Kiwis' pride last night. In the last Kiwis with an unsuspected

minute of normal time his con- range of kicking skills.

Two kicks from their captain, gan captain led a magnificent Zealand, despite the fire and

Warrington's biggest gate of

the very least they deserved for



Australia's Tim Brasher gets a lift from Jason Robinson but falls to grab the ball in Saturday's World Cup opener at Wembley Photograph: David Ashdown

proposition. It is hard to tainly be some adjustment in the

Hopoate's place is obviously under threat. Apart from his blunder to give Jason Robinson

Ridge spares New Zealand blushes

ahead for the first time in the

ninth minute when Willie Wolf-

gramm took a pass from Lee

Hansen to go over. The disarray

to which they reduced New

Zealand was even reflected in the

try the Kiwis scored to peg back

the score to 6-4, Scan Hoppe

appeared to knock on before

For the rest of the half, New

touching down in the corner.

passion of the Tongans, seemed to be taking control. With two

tries in two minutes from Tony

Touga started both balves with Kemp and Blackmore putting kicking from the touchline.

imagine them dropping as much a fair dinkum Australian by ball again and there will cer-sledging Radlinski after his mistake.

Hopoate chose to play for Australia rather than Tonga in this tournament. After his embarrassments in Saturday's 28 October.

Taufa serring on an error behind

his own line by Syd Eru and

Jimmy Veikoso going over from Duant Mann's excellent lick

Three more goals from Asa Amone and a try when Salesi

Finau picked up Tony Iro's

fumble gave Tonga a 12-point

The introduction of the Kiwi

substitutes had a reviving effect,

Hitro Okesene scoring from a

move begun by Paul and Ridge

The scene was set for a great

lead with seven minutes left.

trying to prove that he really is would now be lucky to make

A regrouped Airstralian side all still be as dangerous as ever, if the World Cup follows its natural course and they meet England in the final at Wembley on

ish, even if it was a heart-

The third quarter of a fierce match to end with a great fin-match was all Tonga with Una ish, even if it was a heart-

early in the second half, did not feel that there was too much wrong with them on Saturday that a little more match practice will not cure. "I thought our defence was good. How many breaks did England make

against us?" he asked. For now, the short answer to

Wales attempt to ignore distractions

Wales, the European champions, begin their World Cap, he said. You can't let it get to campaign tonight with specu-you and I won't let it get to the lation over the future of some of the squad still rife.

Salford's Phil Ford is the latest target for rugby union and is reported to be set to quit a possible move to Cardiff, the club interested in Jonathan Davies.

Ford is not in Wales' side to face France in the Group Three . opener at Ninian Park, Cardiff, but Clive Griffiths, the Welsh coach, is hoping that those playing have not been unsettled by all the speculation.

"I can't say I am happy about all the stories, but if I pick up a paper now and see a sensa-

England (4) 20. Australia (6) 16. England: Tries Ferrell, Jornt, Newtone: Robinson: Goals Farrell 2. Australia: Tries Menses 2. Coyne; Soals Wishert 2. (43,271) (at Wern-ber, Saturday).

Fili (16) 52, South Africa (6) 6. File Tries Seru 2. Southabus 2. Delutito-ge, Menyssie, Nadruku, Nationa, Segatu, Taga; Goods Nayacatesbu 3, Taga 3. Seeth Africa: Beaks yan Wyter 3. (4,845) (at 16/gats), you-terday).

Group One

tional headline I just ignore it." you and I won't let it get to the players. It won't be an excuse if we don't perform but it certainly hasn't helped." Griffiths' men are in the so-

called group of death, in which as its leading try-scorer, which they, France and Western Samoa would seem to be evenly matched. The group winners will almost certainly face a semifinal against England after their games in the Australian pack victory over champions Australia

at Wembley on Saturday. France have been given a double boost with their skipper Patrick Entat, the former Hull and Leeds scrum-half, and the loose forward Thierry Valero both being passed fit after

WORLD CUP UPDATE

Group Two

foday's fixture

ing runs. John Bentley was an unsung hero with his high work rate but perhaps the most important thing we must take out of this game is the knowledge that Australia react very positively to defeat. We know we will have to play New Zestend (1.2) 25, Rough (6) 24. No Zestenth: Tries Stationare 2, Hoppe Years, Ocean Ridge 2; Dee Stdgs, Rope Tries Figur, Tarta, Velices Wolfgarren; Goets Amone 4, (8,083) (a Warrington, yesterday).

considerably better if we meet them in the final. It's a sporting cliche, but

there is a long way to go in this tournament. We have to work on getting more cohesion into our play, hut this win will give us the confidence to go on with

Keighley crowd make Fiji feel at home

South Africa

Long before full-time at Keighlev, the Fijians were honorary Cougars, writes Dave Hadfield. It always was a marriage made in fixture-planners' heaven; the most excitable neutral crowd of the World Cup watching what are traditionally some of the most exciting rugby players in the world. No wonder that the small Yorkshire town warmed

to them in a very hig way.
Fiji produced their full repertoire of extravagant han-

dling movements - s style of bringing them within four play that knows no fear, physplay that knows no fear, physical or technical. They began

with two tries in the first eight

minutes from Waisale Sova-

brought New Zealand level. a spine-tingling intensity, going them 12-6 up at the break.

tabua and Noa Nadruku. South Africa were a very different proposition. They may be the biggest side man for man in the tournament, but their development is still strictly at the bead-down-charge stage.

By keeping the game tight in the middle of Cougar Park, however, they managed to stay in touch for most of the first half, three penalties from their full-hack, Pierre Van Wyk,

ment when they could have tak-en the lead, their captain, Jaco Booysen, making a powerful break but finding no one in sup-port. Fill then took the ball to the other end of the field through myriad pairs of hands for Save

Keighley's famous ground an- who pole-axed themselves in nouncer trying manfully to negotiate the names of series of Fijian try scorers with vocal spparatus more accustomed to stopping Fiji in rugby league, the the linguistic complexities of only advantage South Africa Simon Irving and Nick Pinkney. have is two national anthems.

Taga to score.

Fili Seru, the possessor of the finest sidestep among a team where few players would deign to do anything as mundane as running in a straight line, scored two of their final total of 10 tries.

The firm favourite of a crowd brought up on local heroes like Brendan Hill was the second rower Ilie Toga. South Africa lost The second half was a case of count of the number of players their efforts to stop him.

Whatever might happen in other codes, when it comes to

SCHOOR PRO AM LEGUS TROPHY (Quicky) Lineding final-round source (80 or hi unions station): 206 L Hoggers 60 70 67. 211 R Wross (Aust 10 69 75, 212 T Horton 72 72 69; Y threbelles (SA) 77 70 71 9 Butter 71 70 71; B Watter 20 69 71; M Gregon 72 69 71; J Mongan 72 69 71; J Mongan 72 69 71; J Mongan 72 69 71; J L Charrer 70 76 77; 47 97; 47 97;

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E29,551.68; 1.0 R Campagnot (N) E25,073.35.

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(h)-under Buildogs) for Sangatu (70).
SOUTH AFFECAL Van Wyk (Eastern Reds);
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(Barras); Wetts (Deresbury), Van Derweiter (Dewsbury), Booysen (Dewsbury, capt),
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SPORTING DIGEST

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Portamouth 3; Glaurester City 0 Bluehars 0;
Harleston Magpies 2 Hempetand and Westminister 2: Isoa 2 Beaston 4; Citro and VestWerwick 0 Firebrands 1; Richmond 4 Sheffield
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PRIL: New Jersey 4 Floride O, Boston 4 NY Islanders 4 (art), Hertford 2 NY Rangers Q, Präschlights 7 Montreel 1, Prissburgh 8 Toronto 3, Tampo Bay 3 Calgeny 3 (ort), Washington 4 St Louis 1, Winnings 7 Detec 5, Buffeld 3 Othwas 1, Los Angeles 4 Colorado 2, Chicago 4 San Jose 3.

Motorcycling

Policestone's Demen Dison and his passenger, Andy Hetherington, are the 1995 Stdeot world champions after firshing second in Saturday's Spenish Grand Prix in Barcelona. Grand Prix in Barcelone.

EUROPEAN GRAND PERI (Basesione) 500cc.

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Group Greet Vision v France (B.C) (at Minister Park, Cardill).

Motor racing 1 CONDON INTERNATIONAL RALLY (all Eng.
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4 A Desies Flover MC Motro) + 5.50; 5 G
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4 A Devices (Rover MG Morry) +5.50; 6 G
Smith (Ford) +27.24.

FORMALLA TRINGE CHAMPHONSHIP
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+25.79; 2 mingrism (15) Mugen Honde +2.57; 9 C Da Metta (Bra) Mugen Honde +2.57; 9 C Da Metta (Bra) Mugen Honde +2.57; 10 M Byford (GB) Vaudred +25.97;
Round 17 (18 laps): 1 O Gene (GB) Vaudred
+25.72; 10 M Byford (GB) Washen 17:20.55; 10 M
Byford (GB) Hughen +12.31; 2 N
Mollekers (Bell Mugen) Honde +12.94; 9
S Armold (GB) Vaudred +13.61; 10 C Honner
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172nts; 3 Cestro Never 163; 4 Hughes 137;
6 J Dufour (Fr) Mugen Honds 133.

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(GB) MicLenn 149; 4 L Over-Lones (GB)

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Nation and Berber 227 (clinched champicaship: 22 Behm and Solo 194; 3 Byrnar and
Calderan 181.

Steffing Graf, caught in a web of tax eva-sion allegations, faces the loss of her contract with Opel, whose supervisory beard member, Harrs Witnern Goeb, said Graf's sponsorship contract expires this year "and the conditions to extend it don't exist at the moment", it was worth an estimated \$1m (£550,000) annually. TOUROUSE ATP TOURNAMENT Sand-Breaks: A Bostoch (Fr) bt M Rosset (Swit) 3-8 7-8 6-4; J Courter (US) bt C Polene (Fr) 7-6 6-4, Flank Bostoch bt Course 6-4 6-7 6-0. BOSTICO DE COLORIS 64-8-7 6-0.
ATP RIDDOR TOURDIAMENT (Ruels Liurquis) Servi-fineire M PHIRODOR LIURQUIS (Aug) IX P MCCI-noe IUS) 6-3-8-7: M Rous (Chies IX C Chiest) et 9-4-9-1. Fineit Ribo IX Philippousan 7-6-9-2.
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Triathion

Athletics

10-miles in Britain to win yesterday's Bupa Great South run in Portsmouth. His 45min 56sec was six seconds bet-ter than the mark set by Richard Nerukar two years ago. Liz McColgan won the women's race in 53min 12sec - the fastest time by a British woman

Order 10 miles this year.
 BURN GREAT SOUTH RUN (Portamonth, 10 miles): Merc 18 Marge (Yer) 45min 58sec 65tish all-comers record; 2 6 Stanes (Belgiswe) 47.47;
 3 E Wonder (Wen) 4508. Wonster 1, 1. McCondess (Dunder Hawkhit) 5512; 2 K McCandess (Donders 1674; 3 E McCandess)

Basketball BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester 74 Hemei 81.

FLORAS CAUSEWAY COAST MASTERS (Ballymorey) Senti-finals: R Corste (Scot) bt J Herry (III) 21, 14; A Thomson (Eng) bt 8 Thomson

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M Holten (Marchester) br. R McKerole (Crodon) of 2nd. 4-of bustanerwelght: F Sizne
(Beltar) br. H Jones (Coroff) pb. 6-of welforwelght: N Shokin (Belfact) br. W Shopher (Manchester) pb. 6-of speechleriserwelght: P
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Cricket

TOUR MATCH (Rejust, Ind., second day of threat; New Zesland 385 for 5 dec Indian Board President X 399 for 6 dec R Dread 145no. M Azharuddin 100, R Singh 50).

Cycling
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Dultame, Col)
Women's read rece (5 laps, 55 miles): 1.1
Longs (F/) 2/m 37mm 45sec; 2 C Marsel (F/)
+38sec; 3 E Pucinsker (Ltft) +17ms 56sec.
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10 Nelssen (Netf) 45:239; 2 O Signedin (fil)
+10sec; 3 F Podrigue; (Esu) +46; 8 M
Stephens (GB) +426, (Quelliers freen's recen's
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Kazalristan, Germany, Meelco, Russia, Poland,
Australia, Caba, Brazi, United States, Liftmania, Carade, Belgium, Hungley, Slovenia, Austria, Spain and Frisand). bie, Spein and Finland).
MERSEPSIDE WHEELERS REVITATION Time
trial (45km, 28 hilber); 1 C Boardman (GNV)
14456; 2 S Dangarilaid (Leo R.C.-Shorter)
16-21; 3 C Reviton (North Whitel Vold-Kodak)
16:54. Weament 1 A Pierre (Swijedsin-Caygil)
119:48; 2 M Johnson (Oundie Velo) 1:21;28;
3 M Lawrence (Rockingham Foreid) 1:21;30.

Darts

BYTHER'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPHONS P (Apr.)
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5-5; S Dotentes (US) and G Vener (US) by D Smith
and T Hirdy (Sh) G-5; K Delier and J Harvey (Sco)
bt J Lovel and C Lazarentes G-4; Presidey and Brisand Y Krby (M) 6-5; K Deller and J Haney (Sco) bt J Lové and C Lazarrein 6-4; Prestry and Bri-stow bt Warner and Statels 6-6; Seleton and Har-regan bt Welson end Bydro 6-5; Deller and Haney bt Downes and Verner 6-5; Love and Lazarreino bt Smith and Mitty 6-3; Prestley and Bristow bt Wilson and Taylor 6-4. Welsonier and Spotials bt Briston and Harrington 6-5, Love and Lazarreino bt Downes and Verner 6-2. Smith and Kirby bt Deller and Harvey 6-6.

Paul Allen, the former West Ham and Tottenhern winger, has left Southemp-ton efter having his contract cancelled. Allen was put on the transfer list in the summer and has been playing with the First Division side Southend this season. Gillingham heve bought the midfielder David Puttnam for £30,000 from fel-low Third Division team Lincoln City. The striker Steve Brown has moved in the

A Shebome 69 66 /1 /2 E Striesk (697 / 4 64 67 / 2 VOLVO GROEN OF MERST Leading standings 68 or 1 maless stated): 1 S Torrano 5630,481.28; 2 C Morrigomerie 5628,651.40; 3 B Langer (692 1570,1747; 4 C Rocco 69 1459.96; 29; 5 M Campbell (692 1592.267.35; 6 M James 2265,136; 7 B Langer (500): 1 C James 2259,136.13; 8 A Forsborrent (500): 1 C James 2259,136.13; 8 A Forsborrent (500): 1 D W Right (James 2765,137; 1 D W Right (James 1765): 1 D W Right (James 1765): 1 C James 1 D W Right (James 1765): 1 C Fallent 62 68, 1 Langer 1 C James 1 C Jame 90: H Sutton 67 65. Reptired: O Fehrary (N VI).
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As treland's Liam Higgins retained the Leaus Trophy in Zunch on Saturday, John

Morgan, who had to win the top prize of £9,170 to retain the PGA European Seniors Tour Order of Metit, could fin-

ish only joint third. The Senior Open champion, Brian Barnes, who missed the tournament with a leg injury finished first in the Order of Merit despite com-

Gymmastics WORLD CHARRONSHPS (Sabre, Japan) MFS: highlight all-around event, fami stand-lage; 1 ii Xaoshuang (Ch) 57 1995ps. (Foor 9.512, pompel house 3,700, 176; 9,662, ver. 9.875, paralel bars 9,712, house fall bar 9.837; 2 V Scherbo (Bell) 57,498 (9,650, 9.850, 9.876, 9.562, 9.700, 9.712); 3 E. Chather (Fau) 57,248 (13.562, 9.800, 9.437, 9.455, 9.857, 9.697). World's Faire and Sandanger 1 Ro-maria 387,9856ts (computationes 192,570, co-tionals 195,259); 2 Chris 385,476 (190,839, 195,857); 3 United Sassas 394,705 (191,722, 192,983); 18 Great Britan 393,539 (175,745, 183,1908; Lawding technical standings: 1 like hubin (Ch) 76,1860ts (computationes 38,687, optionals 39,499); 2 L Podeopsywa (Mr) 77,889 (38,562,39,337; 3) Kerbertow (Fau) 77,881 (28,762,38,377; 3) Cortection (Fau) 9,767, foor 9,850; 2 S. Choden (Fau) 39,130; (9,768, 9,912, 9,778, 9,887; 3 L 48,825).

Hockey

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C, Formby 5 Sheffield Bankers C; Harrogase
6 Hairles 3; Nesson 3 Timperley 1; Southport
2 Warmington 3.
NASTRO AZZURINO SOUTH Premier; Astrord 1 Gore Count C; Bournemouth 2 Pare-torn 3; Chichester 2 Wolfingham 1; High

tend 2 Colchester 1,
DTZ MEDLAND Pressier: Belper 2 Nottrustenn 4; Belgrorth 3 Khalea 2; Hampton-frArden 0 Harborne 1; John Phyer 2
Loughorough Students 0; North Notts 2
Blookich 2.
SUNLATE SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND AND
SOUTH WALES: Beth 4 Runkon Vale 2; Brissouth wa Phymouth 2; Robinson 5 5 beths univ
3; Weston-super-March 2 Chetterham 0.
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HAGUE TOURNAMENTS Hein Zwitterland 7 Reddington 3; Blomendeal 4 Amsterdam 7; HOM 0 MGC 1; Rot Welss 5 Oranje Zwist 0. WOMPETS MATIONAL LENGUE Pression: Belasm Lukrastor 0 Stough 2; Concessor 1 Segon Canada Life 2. Prot Divisions Carries Luy 2 Exmount 1; Chemistria 3 Stupharts 3; Trogin 5 Breathord Selbherhami 0; Winthledon 0 Sunderland Bedams 2; Second Division: Eding 2 St Albans 2; Reeding 0 Akindge 1; Sher-

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Westmarster 1: West, Witney 2 City of
Porsmouth 0; Westmore Hill 3 Hendon 1; Wonthing 2 Winchester 4.

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2 Farnham Common 0.

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Loughran

win fails

to excite

natives

Eamonn Loughran hurt Angel Beltre so often that a stoppage looked inevitable from the moment in the second round when the fighter from the Dominican Republic tottered back to the ropes like an extra from Riverdance. But in the end 12 repetitive rounds passed and Loughran kept his World Box-ing Organisation welterweight title at the Ulster Hall, in Belfast's City Centre, on Saturday night. Loughran was glum after the win. He has been the champi-on for 23 months, has made five defences but has failed miserably to persuade the Belfast fight public that he is worthy of their support. Other boxers like Chris Eubank beat fighters like Beltre and they get the praise, but I can't win," said Loughran,

whose gentle voice and low profile have led to the unfortu-

nate sobriquet, The Quiet Man. "If I had knocked him out in

round two when he was hurt, people would just say he was a bum, hut instead I won every

round and still I'm criticised,

Loughran added. It is an odd

dilemma but it is not unique in

modern British boxing. Duke

McKenzie won and lost three

world titles at different weights

and was never given the respect

Loughran's trainer, Freddie

King, found some comfort in el-

ements of his boxer's perfor-

mance. "A boxer can stop

another boxer and look terrible

and not learn a thing. Eamonn

showed he is getting better but

I wanted him to step it up in the

later rounds," King admitted.

The crowd in the Ulster Hall

Now Loughran will defend

against Mexico's Jose Luis

Lopez in late November or ear-

ly December, possibly in his home town of Ballymena or

back in front of the harsh Belfast

crowd. Whether Loughran likes

it or not, he will one day have

would be an ideal move before the vicious welterweight cham-

pions Felix Trinidad of the IBF,

ike Quartey of the WBA and brilliant Pernell Whitaker of the WBC.

Boardman

to the fore

in forest

Chris Boardman made a wioning

return to racing in yesterday's Merseyside Wheelers' invita-

tion time trial in a Cheshire for-

Boardman, in his first event

since breaking his ankle in five

places and his wrist in the Tour

de France prologue time trial three months ago, raced round

the 28-mile Delamere Forest

course in 1hr 4min 56sec - a

things to happen," he said.

"I know it sounds crazy but the crash was one of the best

record for the event.

est, writes Robin Nicholl.

Cycling

wanted the same thing.

he so desperately sought.

Boxing JAMES REED

RUGBY UNION: Even England's best are blighted as pressure for league points puts paid to expansive play



lands on experience: Rob Andrew, of Wasps, gets to grips with a potential problem posed by Bath, which is more than he did with his kicking at goal on Saturday

Wasps kick entertainment into touch

Patently there is something seriously amiss with Eng-lish club rugby when week by week, with increasing predictability matched by a deadly monotony, the best when they come together produce the worst. Wasps v Bath, third v first, was a shocker but why should we have expected any different?

It is a dismal predicament when the quest for two points and its attendant anxiety so outweigh other, less pragmatic considerations. Only the other week. Tony Russ of Leicester confessed after Bath had won at Welford Road that victory playing badly would always be preferable to defeat playing well and I dare say there is not a coach in England who would

not honestly say the same. On this reckoning Bath, by beating Wasps 15-6, derived some satisfaction - modest and grim though it was - from events at Sudbury. But for Wasps the unlikely fact that, but for a desperate kicking display

by Rob Andrew of all people, they would very likely have won was of no consolation. Indeed more desperate even

than Andrew's six penalty misses out of seven and three missed drop-shots from four is the apparently conscious decision of the Wasps players to forsake their running game in favour of a dire diet of punting - utter stodge - which deserves neither credit nor success.

This is made more baffling by the fairly recent assertion of Rob Smith, the Wasps coach, that the wide game they were then enthusiastically espousing was the right way to beat the Baths and Leicesters just as much as lesser opposition.

As for the rest of the world, on this evidence we might as well forget it. "Very encouraging... from a New Zealand point of view," was the cryptic judgement of Steve Tew, the new chief executive of the Canterbury Rugby Union, who had imagined he had come half-way round the

globe to see the best English rug-by had to offer. The frightening reality is that indeed he had. We can take it that if his play-

ers played like that it would more than his job was worth. "If yon had 30,000 people paying eight quid each to watch that, how many would come back the next week?" Tew mused. "You can't afford that if you are in the entertainment business." But are we in the entertain-

ment business? The evidence of this season suggests not. Or, if this was entertainment, it was masochists. Jonathan Callard and Andrew exchanged early penalties but thereafter did not locate the target until Audrew gave Wasps the lead with his drop goal and Callard converted the second of the tries by Adedayo Adebayo with which

Bath then seized the day. Andrew persistently had kicks of various types charged down and eventually injury was added to indignity when he north London three times a Ubogu is an interesting and collided with Ben Clarke after week will be a luxury and a dis-



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a ferocious tackle by Andy Robinson in the build-up to the second try, and was led away to have five stitches in his forehead and eight in his mouth.

This is not what Newcastle United Sporting Club are paying a large sum of money for and it is surely time their new director of rugby development devoted his energies exclusively to spending Sir John Hall's milhons. Getting from Newcastle to

traction as long as it continues, and more especially as long as Newcastle continue as they now are: candidates not for the First but for the Third Division.

They could become the first rugby club to spend their way out of trouble, but no amount of money can buy the esprit de corps that has carried Bath for so many years through so many hard times. Saturday's match was a classic of its kind, almost as if protracted defence were a necessary precondition of the devastating attacking riposte that followed.

Afterwards John Hall (no relation), the Bath manager, could afford the indulgence of describing much of his team's play as "totally inept", though they would be well advised to note the threat explicit in his remarks that others would follow Victor Ubogu out of the side if they continued to "operate in the comfort zone".

Bath context, because he so obviously does not fit into the collective framework which is a greater strength than any of the club's exceptional individual talents. For an England player to be dropped is striking enough, but for those who dropped him to explain that he is not up to it amounts to a pub-

"Vic knows the score," Hall said. "He isn't as fit as he should he. We want to play a game that means the ball is m play for 30-plus minutes and our target is to have it in play for 40 minutes. We believe Vic at the moment is not capable of operating at that level. Having said that, when Victor Ubogu is at the top of his game he is prob-

ably our best prop."
Only "probably"? As the game turned out, Ubogu may feel it was a good one to miss, with Ed Morrison's pedantic refereeing a perfect accompaniment to persistently discordant rugby. Rob Smith's theory is that referees, under instruction from on high, are picking up on the wrong offences and his case for stricter policing of offside is unarguable, if only because his own team spent so much of Saturday'a game with impunity in exactly that position.

"The interpretation of the laws is making teams very reluctant to play with the hall," Smith said. "I really do believe that with a hit more freedom buth these teams would he more willing to express themselves but as things stand it is actually a disadvantage to move the ball." Coming from an apostle of attacking rugby, this a counsel of despair.

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to meet a quality boxer and perhaps then the verbal bullies in the Belfast audiences will show him more respect. After Lopez, a meeting with

incur handling charge

has already been telephoned by the Irish and is expected to meet with IRFU officials early this

But the appointment of Dwyer, sacked as Australia's coach last week after a decade

RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

First Division

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Hadequins

Jack Rowell would have gone to West London full of optimism. He was going to watch the Harlequins players, Rory Jenkins and David Pears, whom the England manager holds in high esteem. Harlequins were unbeaten and there were a few Saracens with a point or two prove.

But it turned into a dog day afternoon. The match, which only flickered into fitful life in the last quarter, did little to inspire. was still not ready to return after tearing a shoulder muscle be-

lreland are looking to a pure ge-nius to drown their rugby sor-

rows, writes David Llewellyn.

And the Irish Rugby Football

Union, who have been in touch

with the sacked Australian

coach Bob Dwyer, have the full

backing of their players.

tackles but few bursts through the middle. Rowell, though, will not be judging him on one per-forciance. Pears (13 points in all) fluffed some kicks, was laid out towards the end - everyone thought his injury jinx had struck again, fortunately it had not and had a frustrating time as at-tempts to launch his backs re-

wrong turn by the recipient. After the match there was worse. The prop Jason Leonard, Harlequins' non-playing captain, reported to Rowell that he

Ireland make approach to Dwyer

week. The Irish selection panel,

headed by Tom Kiernan and set

up specially for this task, have al-ready made an informal ap-

proach to another Australian,

Dwyer, in Paris coaching Rac-ing Chib until the end of the year, who is coaching Old Belvedere. come Dwyer's appointment, as we would Connolly's."

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sulted in a spilled ball or a

Jenkins put in some tremendous fore the start of the season tackles but few bursts through Leonard, who has never missed an England match through injury, is sure he will make it in time to greet South Africa at Twickenham on 18 November.

Rowell is not so sure. "The clock is running down on his chances," he said. Leonard, though, insists he will be back in time for Harlequins' crucial League match against Bath at The Stoop in a fortnight. They need him badly, before then if possible, since next week they have to go to Sale.

The forwards seemed to be doing barely enough - and at times not as much as that - to

of success, including winning the 1991 World Cup, would be wel-comed by the players. Full-hack Jim Staples said: "His record

speaks for itself. We would wel-

contain the eager, though more naive, Saracen maranders. In fact, Rowell's eye was caught by Saracens' back-row boys, the mobile Anthony Diprose and the outstanding Richard Hill. "We need movers and shakers like those two to put pressure on the established players," Rowell said.

Harlequins were certainly shaken, hnt their fans were barely moved as they twice fell behind. Each time, though, they revealed the resolve that has helped them match Bath win for win at the top of the First Division. Daren O'Leary's last-gasp try and Pears' even later drop goal flattered Quins. They have retained their grip on their title challenge - they need to do the same with the ball.

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PAUL STEPHENS

West Hartiepool

Leicester 19 West Hartlepool are an enigma with only the flimsiest of varia-

tions. Once Leicester had seen through the most opaque of them, West were facing a long hard look in the mirror, and then upwards to the nine First Division teams above them. Neither provides a particularly pretty sight for the Cleveland club. The Brierton Lane faithful

are fond of telling all those prepared to listen that no side relishes a trip to the north-east, and that West make life difficult for even the best, as Bath and Leicester will readily testify. True to an extent - though it is one thing making it awkward

for the top teams to triumph there, and quite another for the home side to create sufficient chances to win themselves. Saturday's game was a case in point. For most of the first half and all of the closing 10 minutes, West took the game to the Tigers with a ferocious relish

and the sort of confidence that makes a nonsense of their predicament at the foot of the table - hut it was not enough as West allowed Leicester ample space to score tries. "We only started believing in ourselves during the final quar-

ter," West's director of rugby, Barry Forster, said. "With bet-ter ball control, we might have got a lot closer. What pleased me, though, was the way we stretched Leicester to the limit. If we can do this against Saracens next weekend, we could be on our way."

Leicester, trying to retain the Courage title, will be thankful that West, like Sale three weeks previously, were unable to take full advantage of Tigers' lapses, particularly in handling. It was the Leicester backs who were most at fault; Stuart Potter and Richie Richardson spilling the ball with the line open. It was left to the Tigers' forwards to seal it, Darren Garforth and Richard Cockerill scoring the tries. West Hartlepook Penalties Stimpson 4. Leicester: Tries Garforth, Cockerlit, Penal-

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G Rosembe, R Cockent, O Garforth, M Johnson, M Poole, J Wells, N Back, O Richards
(capt).
Referee: E Murray (Greenock).

Leicester Newport search tor the missing link ROBERT COLE an hour later with both sides

Newport Neath

> Newport's bid to return to the upper echelons of Welsh rugby is at least taking shape. Having lost their 100 per cent record at Pontypridd the previous weekend, they hit back to share the spoils against Neath. In the bad old days, and

there have been plenty of those in the past 20 years, they wouldhave crumbled after conceding a first-minute try. Nowadays, though, they are made of sterner stuff. Gareth Rees provides the competitive edge. Jason Hewlett the dash and Kevin Moseley the drive.

It all adds up to a highly re-spectable combination, yet still something is missing. Evidence of that is that the home side were unable to convert their greater enthusiasm and superiority in the final quarter into vital winning points.
A share of the spoils (Neath's

early try by Chris Higgs was can-celled out by Gareth Rees half

Wright in the wars

Heriot's FP Boroughmuir

bounds for club players soon. "I can see players being tied to Set upon by an entire Fijian their clubs as early as next sea-10-a-side team, who were son," Wright added. "Soon club, promptly sent off en bloc, less than 48 hours earlier, Peter district and international teams will be the only ones the top Wright leapt from frying pan to players are allowed to play for.

fire when he retired hurt dur-

ing Boroughmuir's hard-earned

victory over Heriot's FP at

Goldenacre. The Scotland and Lions tight-head prop quit with a juries rather than pull out." knee strain three minutes from time to reflect on an eventful weekend culminating in his for their A international standclub taking advantage of the off half, Duncan Hodge, sufslips by the leading pair, Melfered an ankle injury in Cyprus rose and Watsonians, to climb

back into the title race. It had been touch and go whether Wright would make it to Goldenacre. His flight from the Cyprus Tens, where he played for the winning select side, had been delayed. Three hours before kick-off Wright arrived back in Edinburgh and details began to emerge of an

extraordinary fracas. Wright said: "We were leading a Fijian club side 35-0 in the quarter-final when their frustrations got the better of them. They were a bit fiery and, after

lauding a penalty in the second half) was not enough to enable the black and ambers to overtake Neath into the top half of the table. It will only be a matter of time, however, if they continue to add quality players to their squad and retain their desire to match the glory days of old.

Neath, on the other hand, are a shadow of the side that dominated the Welsh game in the 1980s. They may have recruit-ed an excellent line and goalkicker in the Natal outside-half, Chris Beukes, but the loss to Bristol of Arwel Thomas and to Llanelli of Matthew McCarthy has robbed them of their spark. It is a great shame because in John Funnell, Richard Jones and Leigh Davies they have three of the more talented

young centres around.

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Llewellyn (capt), B Umel, S Williams, C Wyott.

collected the first punch, all

hell broke loose and the refer-

ee decided to send the lot off."

Such trips may be out-of-

"Teams like Barbarians will

suffer but it will ease pressure

on players who don't like to say

no to invitations and maybe

even play through niggling in-

contracts were already in place,

scored two tries.

Watsonians may be wishing

Otherwise 1 would have ploughed on through all the work. It has been five very intensive years. There was the Olympic build-up, then the Olympics, the world hour record, my first professional year, which was very traumatc, then the Tour as team leader. Everything was going a little too fast and I was feeling out of my

Boardman had considered the race to be only a run out. "I just want to get round," he said before beating Stuart Dangerfield, the national time trial champion, by 1min 25sec, with Chris Newton, the Commonwealth Games silver medal-winner, a further 33 secoods adrift in third place.

Boardman, who rides for the leading French professional team GAN, was using his local event as preparation for the Paris-Bourges road race on Thursday. "I'm not fully fit yet, but my

and was forced to watch as his leg held up all right," the side crashed to a 31-23 defeat Olympic pursuit champion said while Melrose were going down 26-27 at home to Stirling County, for whom Kenny Logan Heriot's FP: Tries Officer, Lang Conversion Atlan; Penalties Rahul 3. Boroughonair Tries Stark, Beverlogs; Penalties Easson 6; Coa-version Easson. Version Easson, G. Lawre, O. Officer, A. Glessow, G. Lawrie, C. Altken; T. Rahui (D. Fowler, 16), F. McMiller, M. Lilvagsone, K. Wilne, S. Pauf Ropp), C. Humphries (C. Turroux, 76), P. Voung, F. Shand U. Bryce, 73), T. McVie, G. Dall. Boroughmair: O Macroe; O Stark, O Laird, S Lineen, I Tufeto; A Esteon, O Beveridge; G Wisson, N Dicteon, P Wright (capt); L Graham, 77), O Burns, O George, A Cadzow, S Reid;

after achieving his seventh victory in 10 years in the event.

Britain's Matthew Stephens finished eighth in the amateur road race at the World Championships in Duitama, Colomhia, after suffering a puncture while leading. He finished 4min 26sec behind the Dutch winner Danny Nelissen in 4hr 52min 39sec. Stephens' achievement earned Britain five places in the road race at next year's Olympics in Atlanta. Results, Sporting Digest, page 24

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FOOTBALL: Welcome win for former England manager as he struggles to adapt to his new life in the company of Wolves

Taylor still to find the light

Some people go to East-bourne to recuperate, or a spa town like Bath. Not Graham Taylor. He went to the Black Country, to Molineux, a spanking, newly rebuilt stadium ladeo with memories and heavier still with expectation.

Tomorrow it will be two years to the day sit a his nadir as manager of England - the de-feat at Rotterdam which effectively ended England's World Cup before it had started. It is fair to say his rehabilitacion still

has some way to go.
In 18 months at Molineux he has takeo his team to the brink of the play-offs, then into the play-offs. On the first occasion. Taylor's appointment inspired a revival only for the team to falter in the final weeks. Last season, they blew the chance of automatic promotioo with ooe win in the last nine games.

This year, having again been the division's beaviest summer speoders, they have started poorly. Eveo Saturday's 2-1 win at Ipswich was unable to lift them into the top half of the table. But the League is only a quarter done and it is still very tight. Wolves are only a win off the play-off places, eight points from a promotion spot.

And yet the pressure is oo and Taylor's recuperation is being tested. Twice in recent weeks be bas walked out of press conferences, and according to observers, there has been a haunted and hunted look about him, his eyes darting about his inquisitors, trying to spot where the oext loaded question may come from - and what lies hehind the appareotly innocent ooes.

On Saturday there was little sign of that. Three points pro-vide a greater shield than any minder or spin-doctor. Even when faced with ooe of his for-



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mer tormentors - his journalistic inquisitor from that Rotterdam press conference - he was civil and honest. Not that that should be a surprise. The essential decency of the man has always beeo evideot. So has his courage - unlike many man-agers, successful and otherwise, he bas rarely shirked his the wider public.

There remained, however, a sense of paranoia, a wariness and weariness about him. The teodeocy to run at the mouth has not been checked either.

"Was this week a turning point?" be was asked. "I think the thing is that when you actually look back you have got to go further ahead, you know what I mean? If, in another three mooths' time we are, sort of, winning and we have had the odd draw, we may look back and say this was a turning point. It is too early yet, it is five games [unbeateo] now. Only time... you never know wheo it is a turning point, it is easy to say, but you cannot tell. We will give it another couple of mooths before we can look back and say 'this might have been a turning

There is sense in there, somewhere. But should anyone be surprised if be is scarred. Three years of abuse, ofteo man was away. Stockwell got

press would mark most people. The wonder of Taylor is that he

keeps coming back for more. Was he enjoying management again? "I have always cojoyed certain aspects - 00 one can enjoy every minute of their iob. I became a manager in 1972, someone told me I am the longest-serving League manager and I wonder where the years have gooe."

The recent weeks, he admitted, had been difficult. He had worried about the start, "You have got to win games," he said. "With everything I brought to the club, with my profile and the fact that money was made available, everyone expects it. It does not always work like that. Expectancy is so high at the cloh. I would rather be with an expectant club with passioo and feeling than one where it does oot really matter."

There did not seem much pass: . 1 about Wolves at the beginning. Ipswich so dominated the first half-hour it was impossible to tell if Wolves were playing long-ball football, as they never kept possessioo long enough to find out. The inevitable first goal came after 28 minutes wheo Eric Young held back Alex Mathie after he had been turned oo the edge of the box. Steve Sedgley scored from

A second should have followed five minutes later as a break by Mathie and Micky Stockwell set up Claus Thomseo 12 yards out, only for the Dane to shoot casually and criminally over.

It was a telling error. With Stockwell still coming back, Wolves fed Goodman by the half-way line. Tony Mowbray, making his debut, recklessly committed himself and Good-



Face in a crowd: Graham Taylor (centre) and his staff look on anxiously as Wolves take three points at ipswich on Saturday Photograph: Adam Scott

Goodman beat the 17-year-old goalkeeper, Richard Wright, at the near post. Seven minutes later, Mark Atkins scrambled the ball in from a corner and, though the second-half was aw-

ful, Wolves bad done enough. Ipswich, shorn of lan Marshall, looked pretty but lightweight. Sedgley was the most cultured player on the pitch, Geraint Williams the busiest, but they had no way past Wolves three-man defence. Dean Richards was the outstanding member of that trio.

bringing the ball out with aplomb. Taylor said be still needs work on his defensive qualities, but they can be taught; composure oo the ball is a more elusive trait. Few of his team-mates have it, but while Wolves are not a purist's delight, they are not exclusively long-ball either. Darren Ferguson, in particular, still attempts to play in his father's traditions and Atkins is a good

But even in victory there were unpleasant reminders for Taylor. As he signed autographs

acquisition.

for the home fans someone had a go at him and he walked away, shaking his bead.
"That is part of it," he said.

"It is not going to go away. I have to live with that. At the risk of sounding boastful. I think I live with it quite well."

However, it is the Wolves support he has to win over. They are still not convinced. Bobby Robson, another former England manager, one who previ-ously managed Ipswich, was at the game. When the Ipswich fans acclaimed him - and booed Taylor - there were no coun-

tering cheers of support from the Wolves fans. They look at Barnsley and Millwall, both of whom have sold more than they have spent in receot years, and ponder the worth of Taylor's £4m transfer deficit.

And now Taylor must risk alienating them again. Wolves have scored nine goals in their last three games - and Steve Bull has been suspended for all of them. Will he recall him?

"The Wolves and Steve are the oearest thing I have ever been involved with to a one-man club," he said. "I will deal with

it in the right way to the benefit of the whole club. As Taylor spoke, one could not help noticing the motto on the club blazer he wore: "Out of darkness, cometh the light". But does that old-gold glow presage the end of the tunnel. or is another train approaching?

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Rampaging Bullock breaks the mould

Coal may no looger be king in

Barnsley, but some traditions die hard. After a week spent devising ways to muzzle a great Dane, Leicester's blackboard strategists found their plans undermined by a midfield whippet.

Scouting reports had con-vinced Mark McGbee, the Leicester manager, that the key to beating Barnsley lay in stifling the 6ft lin, 14st 7lb Jan Mølby, who is on loan from Liverpool. It was therefore disconcerting when Martin Bullock, a wiry 20year-old who stands 5ft 4in and 10st 9lb, appeared as a substitute and all but knocked the First Division leaders off their perch.

This Juninho of the South Riding (the fanzine which sponsors his kit) came to Barnsley two years ago from a club in another moribund mining communi-ty, Eastwood Town. A shop near Oakwell advertises the new away strip in "all sizes from Bullock to Mølby", and although locals reckon he has filled out, it might just as well read "from mascot

to darts player". But shirt size isn't everything. In 45 minutes spent rampaging in "the hole" between

grapevine suggests Blackburn dangled £2m in the summer, only for Barnsley to sell Gerry Taggart for £1.5m instead. Perbaps the champions should have pursued their interest.

Three questions arise from Bullock's cameo role. Are the big clubs really interested? Why oo earth was he stuck on the beoch as Leicester, with Garry Parker outpassing Mølby, established first-half asceodancy? And, more pertineotly, how come the 20-yard drive at the end of a jinking run was his first goal in 42 first-team games, 20 of which he has oot even started?

Danny Wilson, the Barnsley player-manager, claimed there had been "no cootact" from prospective purchasers. Oo the second point, he argued that Bullock is a "bigger weapon" when opponents are tiring, thus echoing Howard Wilkinson's dubious rationale for keeping Eric Cantona under wraps. As for the third, on this evidence it is a mystery of X-Files proportions.

Prior to Wilsoo's tactical switch, McGhee had shaded the hattle of wits between two young managers who will surely be in the Premiership before

midfield and the strikers, Bullock scored a breathtaking goal, set up several opportunities, and much longer (possibly before their present clubs). Leicester's passing game was as atter's passing game was as attested Leicester's composure tractive as it was effective, with his dribbling ability. The making it ironic that Mark Robins' opening goal stemmed from the relatively direct source of a lob out of defeoce.

Andy Payton nodded Barnsley level, which flattered them. after which Bullock entered the china shop. He promptly left three defenders in his wake before cutting the ball back to Neil Redfearn to fire wide. The atteotion be commanded also allowed Mølby to become more involved, yet the roly-poly playmaker was just another spectator when his antithesis surged through to break his duck. New Leicester, as Tony Blair

might call them, are more resilient than of old, and left Scargill Country still oo top by virtue of an equaliser to which three players laid claim. "They're all on a bonus for scoring," the chairman, Martin George, explained, "so call it a team goal." The identity of the contest's outstanding individual Was III no such doubt.
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Rae traps the prey for Millwall's young Lions

MARK PURTON

Millwall's young Lions launch into matches with such confidence, slipping so easily into their positive passing style, that the bright red and yellow seats glowing out of the inexplicably large gaps in the Vicarage Road stands were oeeded as a reminder that they were buzzing around the Hornets' oest. They seemed simply to accept that they would achieve their fourth win in six forays on to foreign fields in the league this season.

In Mick McCarthy they have a father figure who makes sure that the bomework has been done properly. His decision to play 4-3-3, as oo Wednesday wheo they won so well at Everton in the Coca-Cola Cup, was a product of his careful consideration of the way that Watford play - three at the back. wing-backs, close passing. Scott Taylor, an inventive, in-

experienced, potentially exciting 19-year-old, was the beneficiary. He did oot repeat the goals he scored at Goodison Park after graduating from the bench, but he was encouraged to run, took players oo, and produced a couple of sharp shots that might have disguised

result is a travesty."

goals tally, toosed by his 1072 of the begans crowd in Bright 1072 of the Colchester on Saturday, to see his 1072 of the Contains for Magnetic United reserves against Lieute.

the lack of finishing skills that both sides showed.
It took Millwall's oldest head,

in the footballing sense if not in years, to make sure of the points in a game in which the teams were not as evenly matched as the scoreline suggests. Alex Rae, whose left-foot drive from the right corner of the penalty area went in off the far post, is the rugged rock around which McCarthy's far from ragged rascals run.

Not so much a Rae of sunshine as a flash of lightning, the Scot has thunder in either foot and occasionally in his temper. It is a matter of taking the rough with the smooth, but wasn't that always the way with Millwall? In Ben Thatcher they also

have one of the smoothest. He reads the game remarkably for one so young (he turns 20 next So the self-made millionaire one so young (he turns 20 next month), is a tough tackler with the knack of staying oo his feet and goes forward from full-back with purpose if oot always precision. He is the sort of player. like Rae, who warrants a place in the Premiership, and that is the foreign territory they mean to take Miliwall into.

Guat: Rae (88) 0-1. Wintford (3-5-2); Miller; Holdsworth, For Millen; Loves, Patries, Ramage (Pitcher, 77), Porter, Johnson, Mooney (Bazeley, 85), Morales Porties, Johnson, (Philips, 70). Milheal (4-3-3): Keller; Newmon, Wilzer, Stevers, Trydcher; Bowy, Rae (Michoc, 85), Van Bleir; Taylor (Savigo, 77), Fuchs (Dison.

Bassett's Blades in need of sharpening

Sheffield United **Derby County**

The exhibits bad pointed that way in any case, but by Saturday evening the evidence was cooclusive. Mike McDonald. the new owner of Sheffield United, was exposed as a man who is either an eternal optimist or a masochist.

You would think ploughing in £3m to buy a club that has not exactly heen oo an upward spiral in recent years would be enough, but some dark secret had still to come out. Mc-Donald has suffered in a way that is oneo to very few. He is

would have been more acquainted than most with the inadequacies revealed by the home team in this match. Imagine City in a garish red change kit and Bramall Lane could have been Maine Road. Certainly the poor marking, lack of invection and dwindling confidence had all the trademarks of 35 miles over the Pennines.

Consequently, what should have been an even match betweeo two sides with high amhitioo and low achieve-

in a false positioo. The same meotary way.

Their manager, Dave Bassett, who had described their performance against Bury in midweek as the worst in 20 years, elearly bad not been banding out the plaudits. "After a bad defeat you are meant to come back and show character, and we didn't in the first half," be said. "We were oervous. We didn't pass eoough

play we were out of it." Bassett did oot see Derby's secood, which is probably as well because his blood pressure might oot have withstood it. To lose a goal oine seconds after the interval is bad eoough, bot to succumb wheo you kicked off and had posession almost defies belief. The ball went backwards, Marco Gabbiadini intercepted and passed to Ron Willems whose shot sailed past Alan Kelly, who looked as astounded by

and by the time we started to

as the crowd. The goal cootained a substantial comic elemeot, although very few at Bramail Lane saw the joke and the

his team-mates' mcompetence

comfortable afternoon for of boos. There were even the Derby, who look like a team first hints of the unthinkable. a muted and shouted-down could be said about United, chant of "Bassett out". Fresh but not in the same compli- from the troubles at Manehester City, McDonald must have felt be had found a home

from bome. Bassett blazed on regardless. "You can't expect the new owner to come io and throw money around so that Bassett can buy some players." be said. "It's obvious we need to do some work in the transfer market, but Mike McDonald bas to get his feet ooder the table.

Sheffield United have floundered for 20 years. In my time they haven't spent a penny and the club is probably where it deserves to be. But I bave to be realistie. I don't do my shopping at Harrods, so the players I get here need educating. They cao only perform at a certain level until they learn their trade.

A cold winter of learning lies ahead.

G-Z.

Shuffleld Unland (4-4-2): Methy Davidson (Bot-lersby, 75), Foran, Tuttle, Nilsen; Harres (Mard-59), Holland, Hodges, Whathouse; Pio (Wearla-68), Bisles.

Dearly County (4-4-2): Sutton (Hout, I.-t); Carsley, Rowett, Yates, Nicholson; Frynn (Wrack, J-1), Van der Laen, Rowett, Preece; Gebbisdim (Simpson, 75), Wilsems.

Todd and Royle hark back to the good old days.

For a football fan, there ly surprising – it is the Everton manager's 21-year-old son, Darproaching middle age than to be watching your team's latest young hopeful and to suddenly realise you remember seeing his father play. It is an affliction that will have

claimed another clutch of victims at Bolton the other day, when the 21-year-old Andy Todd celebrated his first League goal. His dad, the 1970s star Colln who is now coach at Burnden Park, was watching from the bench.

There will be some casualties too, at Salford City in the North West Counties League. Their new centre-forward bears a striking resemblance to Joe Royle, Hard-



Cup last week Orninous? They're hooling so. finished mid-table and in 1955, be-York last reached the fourth round set by fixture congestion in the Third of the League Cup in 1973/74, los- Division North, they paid for Cup ing to Manchester City in a replay glory by missing promotion.

manager's 21-year-old son, Darren, on loan from Altrincham. The middle one of three Royle boys, Darren has played for Oldham's youth team and Rochdale reserves, but his footbell is strict-

for a maths degree permits.
"I've insisted on that," says loe, "so that there is something to fall back on. But he's always played at a good standard and maybe still has thoughts of

ly part-time, fitted in when study

"I wish I could get to watch him more, but it is only on week ends like this, when there is no Premier League, that I ever get

It sparked a run which lifted them

above their current station for the

only time in their history, with promotion to the old Second Division. Putting out Manchester United So far, so good for the glant-killers is York's biggest achievement since of York. The 1-0 win over Wrestram the defeat of Arsanal in the FA Cup was their fourth Second Division in 1985, and is on a par with 1955, victory in a row, and their only de-feat in seven is the one inflicted finals by beating Tottenham. by You-Know-Who in the Coca-Cola Neither feat did much for their League form, though. In 1985 they

That was the weekend that was by Jon Culley

FIRST DIVISION XI

Baimer's bravery rebounds Charlton fear that their defender Stuart Belmer will be out for a month after being taken to hospital with cracked ribs and a par-

defeat by Grimsby.

Astoriishingly, Balmer played on for five minutes after sustaining the injury – despite andous enquiries about his health from the manager, Alan Curbish-ley, and other Charlton staff on the touchline. But his bravery backfired when he could not react to the threat of a determined run by Paul Jewell, who burst through to score Grimsby's winner and end a

five-match unbeaten run in which Charlion had scored 15 goals. Hospital reports yesterday described Balmer'a condition as "comfortable", but just when Charlton were on the crest of a wave after the midweek Coca-Cola Cup triumph over Wimbledon, they are now set to lose a key player for a long spell.

Red card

Before their victory over Belarus, they

refused to stay in the hotel arranged

by their hosts and insisted on

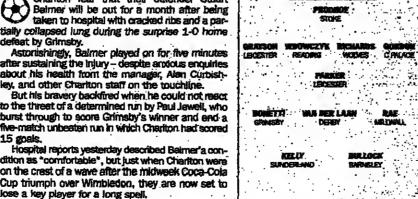
bringing their own food and chef with

them. Given that the Czechs' stan-dard of living is nothing to write

home about, this was a definite case

of the pot calling the kettle black.

The Czech Republic



'Football is a cruel game. That's the biggest hiding Rangers

have had for many a game, but we just had no luck... the

Roy Aitien, the manager of Aberdeen, beaten 1-0 at home by Rangers

Maradona back with a bang

Maradona went back to his roots at the weekend and was soon up to his old tricks. The disgraced one played his first match for his old club, Boca Juniors, since completing a 15-month

ban for drug abuse. Sporting a yellow streak in his hair to match the team's colours, he collected a yellow card in the match against Colon for complaining to the referee about a free-lick awarded for a foul by his former Argentina

team-mate, Claudio Caniggia. The stadium was restooned with Boca flags, but the fiests atmosphere threatened to turn sour. The capacity crowd started to jeer their team as it appeared that Boca would be held to a fifth consec utive draw. Then, in the final minute, a typical piece of the old magic from the 34-year-old Maradona created the winning goal for Dario Scotto.

· To prove he really had turned over a new leaf, Ma radona voluntarily took a drugs test after the match.

Take a bow

Dover Athletic -

The struggling GM Vauxnall Con-

ference team are under new man-

agement, with the former Tottenham

ringer, Peter Taylor, in charge.

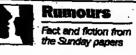
They travelled to Ridderminster

trie Conference leaders, fearing a tenth consecutive defeat - and

came home with a point.



Answer: It's Yordan Lechkov, scorer of the goal that knocked Germany out of the 1994 World Cup, celebrating Bulgaria's first goal in a 3-0 victory over Albania in Sofia, a result that virtually guarantees their qualification for Euro '96. His admiring team-mates? Hristo Stoichkov (left) and Lubostav Penev. Information is correct. Alan Ball



apparently wants £4m for the England Under-21 International to fund his rebuilding plans, with £1.m earmarked for Nigol Clough. Arsenal are about to swoop for a The News of the World says that Brazillan, according to the Sun. Uwe Rosler is ready to commit day Express, which claims that himself to Maine Road - but will Bruce Rooch's reported bid for Jun-keep a get-out clause in his coninho was merely a smokescreen tract enabling him to move for for his real target, FC Porto's just £1.2m if City are relegated. £3.5m-rated playmaker Emerson. The People says Jack Walker The People reports that Alex is so determined to edd Matthe

Ferguson is checking up on Alen Le Tissier to his Blackburn stable Bolesic, the unsettled Lezio striker, that he will spend £10m and lay and is prepared to spend a large on a private jet so that the chunk of his £8m transfer fund. Southampton star can continue on the high-scoring Croatean. to live in Hampshire. But Walker Manchester City are about to is heading for a showdown with risk a terrace revolit by selling Gar-Ray Harford, who connot see how ry Flitoroft, if the Sunday Mirror's Le Tissier will fit into his plans.



Premiership ready to rise to Juninho

The arrival of the Brazilian is a significant moment for English football, argues Glenn Moore

Forget Dennis Bergkamp, Ruud Gullit and Jürgen Klinsmann, even Andrea Silenzi. This is the hig one, the transfer that finally signifies a shift in power from Serie A to the Premiership.

Unlike the others Juniaho, the 22-year-old Brazilian midfield player who signed for Middlesbrough from São Paulo for £4.75m over the weekend, was wanted in Italy. Most of the big names who have come to England in the last few seasons had had their stint in the sun, some without much success. While Bergkamp and Gullit came here this summer the really hig ames, Hristo Stoichkov, Roberto Carlos and Roberto Baggio, either went to, or stayed in Italy.

Now the Premiership has hared one of the world's outstanding talents to these shores. As Terry Venables, the England caoch said: "He is class and English football cannot have too many class players," If he fails it will not be for lack of ability. This summer he destroyed England at Wembley before taking Brazil to the final of the Copa America.

Even more remarkable is the identity of his new employ-ers. With apologies to Mid-dlesbrough, they are not Manchester United or Arsenal. or even Newcastle. Not yet. But, given the ambition of Steve Gibson, the chairman, and the reputation and drive of Bryan Robson, the manager, it may not be long before they are alongside the giants in performance, if not tradition. "He is the best player in South Amer-

us," Robson said yesterday. But what will Juninho make of Middlesbrough? São Paulo is not the Copacabana, and Teesside's industrial skyline may not be as hig a shock to Juninho as might be imagined. But, while the area fel Tower."

He failed to last two seasons and, though he managed 20 goals in 54 games, that tally owed as much to his greed in front of goal, and his penalty-taking, as his ability. After a promising first season, in which Newcastle finished eighth, it be-came an unhappy relationship and he completed just 11 matches in 1988/89 as Newcas-

tle were relegated. Juninho, the Brazilian footballer of the year, is a better player, he is joining a club on a sounder footing and has some decent players around him, notably the infectiously enthusiastic Nick Rarmby and the refreshing Jan. Age Fjørtoft. Middlesbrough are still short of the requisite quality in a couple of positions and lack depth generally but, judging by this transfer, neither problem is insurmountable.

Despite his waif-like build Juninho ought to be able to cope with the physical demands of the Premiership, even if he is only 5ft 5m. David Batty's close attentions may have forced an early withdrawal at Wemhley but, by then, Brazil had the game won and, in a competitive match, Batwould have been dismissed. Besides, the Brazilian championship is at least as demanding as the Premier League. It is exhaustively scheduled and often brutually disputed.

It is a hard school, and one that has raised a player who is aware of the all-round responsibilties of a modern Premiership midfielder. "He knows where to be and when it is necessary to ica and a really big signing for play simple passes," Mario Za-us," Robson said yesterday. play simple passes," Mario Za-galo, the Brazilian manager, said of him in the summer. "He can be a defender as well as a maker of openings. When we defend the World Cup in France in 1998 he will light up the Eif-

has its plusses, the winter climate Juninho enjoyed the English is not among them. reaction to him in the Umbro The only precedent is an un-happy one. Mirandinha, the English supporters for their ap-Brazilian striker who joined preciation of the way Brazil try Newcastle in September 1987. to play," he said at the time.



The intensive fitness proamme he has undergone with São Paulo appears to have convinced him he is now ready. He is stronger than he appears. When Dunga, the Godfather of by Tom Finney as the "most sub-

the Brazilian team, first came across him in May he was shocked when Mario Zagalo. the Brazilian manager, gave Juninho the prestigious No 10 shirt for the friendly with Israel.

"Who is the little boy wear- an angel, his appearances on ing the No 10 shirt?" he asked. "these shores suggests he plays After the game Dunga fell to his like one. The Riverside Stadium may be in the middle of a dressing room in mock suppli- derelict dock, but it suddenly cation. While it was tongue-in- looks like the most attractive cheek, the tribute was meant, place to visit in the country.

Juninho, so far, looks a worthy successor to Pelé and Zico. Now he has other, older heroes to emulate, notably Wilf Mannion, recently described

lime inside partner you could

imagine. He was sent down

from heaven.

In football terms, Brazil is the nearest thing there is to celes-

The South American Connection

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1987-8	8 Allrandinhs (Newcaste)	striket :	
1990-9	1 Jose Pendomo (Coverny)	midfield	
1904	Jaime Morain (Middleshrough)	midfield	Bollste (Chydad)
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	_ Mauricio Taricco (ipswich)	defender	Argentina (Arg Juniors)
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Remarkable tale of a club transformed

Nine years ago Middlesbrough nearly went bankrupt. Now they've hit the big time. Ian Potts reports

In August they persuaded Nick
Barmby to join them for £5m,
by September they had opened

27 with the club in the old
Third Division for only the second time in their history. a new ground and in October they signed what their manag-er described as "the most sought-after player in the world". Not bad for a club that nearly went out of business

nine years ago.

Middleshrough Foothall
Cluh are truly a club transformed, and while it would be ridiculous to ascribe this extraordinary change in fortune to one man, there can be no doubt that Steve Gibson has been

crucial to his cluh's success.

At 37 the Middlesbrough chairman is younger, by a year, than Bryan Robson, the manager who has rightly received many of the plaudits. Gibson even fits the identikit of the dashing, self-made multi-millionaire, rising from a teenage stint on a Youth Training Scheme at the nearby ICI rail distribution depot to become the owner of a haulage business which has reputedly put £50m in his bank account. A spell as a Labour councillor merely adds 6 splash of colour.

For 11 seasons he has taken his seat in the Middlesbrough directors' box. That the seat is now in the purpose-built, £16m Cellnet Riverside ground, and that the football on view is of a quality to match, is largely of Gibson's doing.

"The people of Teesside have suffered 120 years of medioc-rity," he memorably pointed out. "We've had great individnal players, but we've never had a great team. We've had 60-odd seasons in the top flight, but we've never been beyond the sixth round of the FA Cup - and we've never been close to Eu-

A harsh summary of a cenendeavour, but indisputably true. Certainly few would have quibbled with Middlesbrough's status as the northcast's "other" team 10 years ago, when Gibson's first season on the board ended with him tak- how high Middlesbrough are

With only a few months grounding he was catapulted into the chair in April, 1986, on the resignation of Alf Duffield, whose backing had helped keep the club affoat over the previous 12 months. Within a month the players had moved out of Ayresome Park and the liquidator had moved in, to deal with the estimated debt of £1.8m.

Gibson sacked the remaining board members and set about forming a consortium compris-ing ICL Scottish and Newcastle Breweries and London-hased fan Henry Moszkowicz, which pulled off the rescue act minutes before the Football League's deadline of 24 August, 1986.

Having been instrumental in eping the club alive, be handed control to the ICI representative Colin Henderson, and for the next seven years watched the club yo-yo between the First and Second Divisions, Under Bruce Rioch they climbed from the Third Division to the First in successive seasons, hefore abruptly returning to the Sec-

Their residency in the Pre-mier League was just as brief in 1992/93. By the following September, Gibson was back at the helm, and within nine months, having watched Sir John Hall's money-no-object brief succeed so spectacularly up the road at Newcastle, he decided it was time to act. Fortunately for him - and for Middlesbrough -Robson shared his vision.

"From the start, Bryan challenged us to show we wanted the best, like him," said Gibson, who gambled on the former England's skipper's knowledge and footballing oous - as Hall had with Kevin Keegan - making up perience. The hard cash which followed (£1.3m for Jan Age Figrtoft, £5.25m for Nick Barmby, and roughly the same again for Juninho) is an indication of ing over the reins at the age of now setting their sights.

Goram's half-chance

Scottish football

DAVID MCKINNEY

Craig Brown has opened the door for a return to Scotland duty for Andy Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper whose international future was compromised when he pulled out of the European Championship qualifier against Greece in August because he was not mentally attuned for the game.

The Scotland manager will give Goram, his hip strain permitting, 45 minutes of action in the midweck friendly in Sweden with Jim Leighton, the Hiberninn goalkeeper, being used for the other half of the match. Brown explained his decision, saying: "I don't see this as a cop-out because we have two very good goalkeepers and Jim Leighton doesn't deserve to be dropped."

out Paul Gascoigne and Ally McCoist through injury, among others, and won 1-0. Rangers' goalscorer was Craig Moore, the Australian who had come on as second-half substitute.

Hanging on to Rangers' coat tails has become a habit for Celtic and they could thank their Dutch striker, Pierre Van Hooijdonk, and John Collins for the goals that gave them a 2-1 home win over Partick Thistle and kept them two points behind their great rivals.

The match was watched by representatives of Paris St-Germain, who face Celtic in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. Their director of football, Jean François Domergue said: "I would not like to come here looking for a result in the return leg because the atmosphere will inspire Celtic."

Goram was again a key man ing their 2-1 win over Falkirk, for Rangers on Saturday as a result that pushes the Bairus they travelled to Aberdeen with- to the bottom of the league.

Fry derives personal satisfaction McMahon's patience rewarded

Birmingham City Southend United

Two goals by Steve Claridge won Birmingham's self-styled grudge match and halted the rapid table-climbing of manager Barry Fry's former club, who had won their previous three games.

The televised encounter was set up for some needle when Birmingham, in a provocatively worded local newspaper advertisement, claimed that Southend would be "coming to St Andrews looking for revenge" on the manager who de-ferted from Roots Hall to the second city almost two year ago.

While Southend's officials were sufficiently incensed to re-Hibernian are fourth followport Birmingham to the Football League, their players failed to respond to the jibes but, after a promising start, they were

outplayed with some ease by a Birmingham side who grew in confidence throughout the Southend, shot straight at the goalkeeper, Simon Royce. The visitors rarely threatened, match and could have won by

a much wider margin. Their recent scoring deficiencies - just two goals in their previous five league games, none of which had been won - were in evidence in the early stages as Steve Castle, Claridge and Andy Edwards all missed simple opportunities. But after Claridge had slid in his first goal from Jason Bowen's 43rd-minute pass,

they were never in any danger. Claridge sealed the victory with a quite superb goal 15 min-utes from time, running at Southend's retreating defence to strike a 20-yard shot just inside the far post. The striker might have had a hat-trick if substitute Ricky Otto had chosen to pass to him in the 81st minute. But Otto, one of five Birmingham players on view who were signed by Fry from

although Julian Hails twice went close in the second half, shooting narrowly wide on both occasions. It was an unhappy afternoon for Southend, whose debutant striker, Paul Read signed this week on loan from Arsenal - had to be substituted after sustaining an ankle injury. Fry, labelled "Judas" by

Southend fans when he left Roots Hall, was understandably satisfied after seeing his team climb eight places in the First Division: Being sixth in the table means nothing at this of our team to come back from injury and we'll be a better side mjury and we ii de a better side in the second baif of this season." Brainghen City (4-4-2): Bernett Pode, Blands, Johnson, Cooper, Franan (Dio, 53), Hum, Castle, Bowen (Marin, 85): Candge, Charley (Forsyn, 61). Southand United (4-4-2): Royce Diable, Lapse Bodie; Powel; Byrne (Hon., 73), Marin, Taon, Heis: Thomson (Regs., 65). Read (Jones, 46). Referen: W Burns Scarborough).

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Swindon Town **Bristol City**

Steve McMabon received his first tangible reward as a manager on Saturday when he was presented with the Division Two award for September. He ranked it as highly as anything he had received in his playing career with Everton, Aston Villa, Liverpool and Manchester City. "But," he added, "I'd rather be manager of the month at the other end of the season."

You would not bet against it. stage, but we have got the bulk At 34, McMahon is still turning out for a Swindon side currently top of the table and intent on reversing the slide which has seen them relegated from the Premier and First Divisions in successive seasons.

After the previous weekend's significantly. Victory was only 4-3 defeat at Wrexham and the assured in the last minute, when WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS

more predictable midweek Cup loss at Blackburn, it was important for normal service to be resumed at the County Ground Despite suffering from flu, McMahon coaxed, cajoled and controlled to ensure that it was.

"To go up in any shape or form is what we want," he said. The shape which Swindon present at the moment is a pleasing and effective one, although the way they lost impetus after missing a penalty in the 33rd minute indicated that their form may still be variable.

When Wayne O'Sullivan hooked in a cross which was headed back by the former Bristol City favourite Wayne Allison after 12 minutes, the way seemed clear for the leaders to run rampant against a side struggling near the foot of the table. But after Paul Bodin had had

his spot-kick saved, City revived

City's defence created by the replacement of their sweeper Scott Patterson, by a forward, Paul Agostino.

"We didn't play particularly well," McMahon said. "But it was a big improvement on the previous week." Swindon's player manager feels he is a less impulsive character now than when he took over at Swindon last November - an event he marked by being sent off in his first match. "It was all tension." he said.

"I thought I could change everything at one fell swoop." Patience, a word not readily associated with McMahon, is now his watchword. All explosions, we are now assured, are of the controlled variety.

Bulgaria looking good for finals

European football RUPERT METCALF

Bulgaria emphasised their reputation as the dominant force in Group Seven of the European Championship with a convincing 3-0 win over Albania in Sofia on Saturday. With all the big names that took them to the last four of the World Cup in the USA last year still in their side, the Bul-

ress in England next summer. TODAY'S FIXTURES

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when these two sides met in Tirana last month - becoming the only side to take a point off Bulgaria in the section to date - but there was little danger of another upset in the Vasil Levski stadium. Only a heroic performance from Fotaq Strakosha in the Albanian goal prevented a thrashing for his beleaguered

Yordan Lechkov, the Hamburg midfielder, opened the parians must be a good but to imscoring in the 15th minute but the Bulgarians were obliged to wait until the last 10 minutes for further goals. Strakosha could only deflect Hristo Stoichkov's shot and Emil Kostadinov, the Bayern Munich striker, seized the opportunity to make it 2-0. Two minutes later Kostadinov added the third, heading in a

cross from Lechkov. While the Bulgarians are virtually sure to be at the finals next year, the same cannot be said for the Netherlands. The Czech Republic's 2-0 win over Belarus in Minsk makes them the clear favourites to join Norway in the top two places in

Group Five. The Czechs are two points behind the Norwegians and four mate, Wim van Hanegem, as the ahead of the Dutch - who are coach of Feyenoord, Everton's likely to narrow the gap to one point when they play their game

Albania gained a 1-1 draw in hand in Malta on Wednesday However, the Netherlands' final match next month is at home to Norway, while the Czechs have a much easier task on the same night with a home game against Luxembourg.

If the Dutch do miss out,

their 1-0 defeat in Belarus in June will have played a big part in their downfall. The Czechs avoided a similar fate by scoring in each half, through Martin Frydek in the 25th minute and Patrik Berger six minutes from time.

Like the Dutchmen, their Belgian neighbours are also unlikely to be making the short journey to England for the finals. Belgium managed a 2-0 win over Armenia in Yerevan but it may he just a token gesture in their pursuit of the top two in Group Two. Belgium trail the leaders. Spain, by eight points and Denmark by three points - and the leading pair each have a game in hand. Luc Nilis scored both goals in the first half.

Arie Haan, currently coaching PAOK Salonika in Greece, has agreed to succeed his former Dutch international teamopponents in the Cup-Winners' Cup next week.

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JUNINHO: 'He looks like an angel and his appearances here suggest he plays like one.' Glenn Moore on the Middlesbrough-bound Brazilian 27

Success poses a problem for Lewis

Boxing

KEN JONES reports from Atlantic City

Not a blow will be struck, but the contest that began immediately after Leooox Lewis stopped Tommy Morrison in the sixth round here late oo Saturday will be among the most important of his career.

No sooner had Lewis completed an impressive effort at the Convention Ceotre that restored him as a major force in the heavyweight division, when his American backers ancounced that legal proceedings will be taken against the World Boxing Council unless he is confirmed as the mandatory challenger for Frank Bruno's championship. There is paper [an agreement] on this and we are asking the WBC to announce a period of 45 days in which the fight can be agreed or go to purse offers," Dan Duva, of Main Eveots, said.

If the WBC stand by the No 1 status it granted Mike Tyson automatically upon his release from prison, Main Events and Lewis's principal associate, the British businessman Panos Eliades, will seek satisfaction in a Loodon court. "Uoquestiooabiy, Lennox has got right on his side and we intend pushing it all the way," Duva added.

Trouble is that the idea of Brimo defending against Lewis does not conform with Don King's grand plan for putting Tyson back on top of the heavyweight division through control of titles held out by the WBC, the World Boxing Association and the International Boxing Federation. It was only by signing up with King's partner, the London promoter Frank Warren, that Bruno got a chance to challenge for the title that a King fighter, Oliver McCall, took sensationally from Lewis last year.

Thinking realistically, Seth Abraham who presides over oetwork that has a big investmeot in Lewis - does not think an attempt to force Bruno into accepting Lewis's challenge will get far off the ground. "Because of our association with Lennox we'll assist him in trying to get the fight, but I doo't see the WBC pushing Doo [King] into risking their title," he said.

A well-known fact in hoxing

is that the WBC's president, Jose Sulaiman, is frieodly with King and has the power to make up rules as he goes along. During Tysoo's absence, Sulaiman thought of a rule that en-abled him to place the former undisputed champioo above Lewis in contection. It is what Lewis and his associates are

about to start opposing.
Some of the best fights in boxing are staged outside the ring. However, an impression gained in the early hours of yesterday morning is that Abraham would prefer Lewis to face the winner of oext month's contest in Las Vegas between Riddick Bowe and Evander Holyfield. "Lennox raised his profile in the United States tonight," Abraham said, "but a fight between him and Bruno won't mean any more over here than when they met for the title in Cardiff two years ago. But Lennox against Bowe or Holyfield early next year would come up to the biggest we have televised."

All this resulted from the most impressive performance Lewis has given in the professional ring, including the secondround knockout of Donovan "Razor" Ruddock in October 1992 that led to him receiving the WBC belt by decree.

If Morrison was a big disappointment, boxing with the utmost cautioo when he was expected to mount ferocious attacks from the opening bell, Lewis never let him into the contest. Despite the American's reputation as a big hitter who can do terrible damage with his left hook, Lewis did oot give a hint of the apprehension evident in two fights since he was punched out in two rounds by McCall.

Lewis may never be the heavyweight his trainer, Emanuel Steward, imagines outclassing anyone in the division, but he was far too big, quick and strong for Morrison, who was so comprehensively battered that he returned to his quarters with Time-Warner, pareot company one eye completely closed and of Home Box Office—the cable complaining of impaired visioo one eye completely closed and in the other, "He was just too good for me," Morrisoo said. Lewis is one hell of a hig guy and I couldn't get past those long arms of his. Wheo my right eye began to sbut it was a hopeless task. I might as well have been fighting with a patch over it. I thought I'd been through every-thing in the ring, but boxing half-blind was something oew. All

The end is nigh for Tommy Morrison after Lennox Lewis floors him in the sixth round early yesterday

credit to Lewis though, that jab oever seemed to be out of my the anxiety I expected."

A loog-standing criticism of Lewis was that he failed to capitalise oo the advantage of an exceptional reach, pawing with his jab instead of sending it with a full weight of shoulder. Improvement was soon evident, Morrison's features reddening from the force of Lewis's left leads and the quick, short hooks that followed them.

Lewis's guard (there was nev- task became inevitably hopeless. face and he didn't show any of er an opening remotely like that which enabled McCall to crash in a decisively chilling right to the jaw) only brought Morrisoo punishment and the realisation of being utterly outfought. The American could be given only a share of one round, and from the fifth to a merciful intervention by the referee, Mills Lane, he was down three times. Noce of those blows flatteoed

shortcomings, Lewis fought well enough to suggest he has made

considerable progress during nine months under the influence of Steward. Occasionally, he still looked amateurish in application, and a more accomplished fighter than Morrison might have taken advantage of an ungainly lunge that brought his Morrison, but they had such a head down to little more than

Nevertheless, Lewis justified himself," Steward said. Even allowing for Morri- some of the claims advanced by anced, less hesitant under preshimself. On setting oot for the ring, Lewis suggested to Stew-ard the possibility of greeting one of Morrisoo's rushes with a short left hook to the head. It was the punch that hrought the first knockdown midway through the second round.

"That showed how well Lennox

Photograph: Ray Stubblebine/Reuter Gallant efforts to penetrate demoralising effect that his a foot from the canvas. is learning to work things out for Before leaving for a party,

his trainer. He looked better bal— Lewis insisted that there is a lot more to come from him. "You sure and in complete control of . haven't seen the best of me," he said. Now he must want to discover who next will be coming out of the opposite corner. The confident prediction here is

that it will oot be Frank Bruno. Loughran rules, page 25

Swede Claydon's will charge

Anders Forsbrand held on to win the German Masters in Berlin yesterday, despite a gal-lant effort by Russell Claydon, who twice shared the lead with

the Swede in the closing stages.
Claydon, who began the last round six shots behind Forshrand, birdied six of his first 10 holes to draw level, but fell behind when he bogeved the 1 th and caught his rival again with a birdies to the 12th that the same stages to the 1 the hind when his rival again with a birdie at the 12th. But that was his final effort and Forsbrand drew away again to fioish in 69 and win his sixth European Tour title with a four-round ag-

gregate of 264, 24 under par.
Bernhard Langer passed
Claydon in the final holes to finish in 66 for second place on 266, with the Englishmao, round in 67, third on 268. Sam Torrance now leads the Order of Merit by just under

£4.000 from Colin Montgomerie, with Langer in third and only the Volvo Masters in Valderrama later this month to come. . Torrance, who shot 68 yesterday for 277, has set his heart

on finishing on top of the table for the first time in a 24-year professional career and said confidently: "Well, I'm in pole position. Monty and Bernhard have got to catch me, so the pressure will be all on them in Valderrama.

"I thought I had a chance of winning when I caught Anders at the 10th hole," Claydon said. "But I missed two short putts at the 16th and 17th, and those are the ones you have to take if you are going to win a tournament.
"But I'm pleased with the

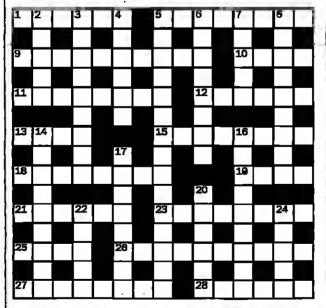
week, my best of the year. I shot a course record of 61 on Friday. but my 74 yesterday did too much damage to my chances. But I'm in at Valderrama and that can't be bad."

Forsbrand's score of 264 was the lowest lotal on the European Tour this year, beating the 267 set by Germany's Alexander Cejka in the Austrian Open

Obviously I was feeling the pressure, "Forsbrand said. "Es pecially as I was playing with Bernhard before a German crowd. I was only vaguely aware that Russell had caught me after his 10th hole, but when Bernhard three-putted the 15th and I heard that Russell had

Forsbrand, who is attached to Cup team that plays the United States there in 1997.

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Millichip surprised by Inter offer to Venables

iday in Spain. The offer was made by a representative of

Massimo Moratti, the An-

giophile president of Inter who has just sacked Ottavio Bianchi.

"What he said was: 'For any money, would you be able to leave oow?'," Venables said.

Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, expressed surprise yesterday that Internazionale had made an approach for the England

coach, Terry Venables. Venables turned the offer down, but Sir Bert, preparing to accompany the England squad to Norway this week, said: "I did not even know an approach has been made. I shall make no comment until I have spoken to Mr Venables, though if the facts are as reported there may indeed he no cause to speak to him."

Venables made it clear that there was oo question of him walking out oo England. "I happen to believe in loyalty and honouring cootracts," he said. The FA showed a lot of faith and courage when they appointed me... they have stood by me through thick and thin since. So there was never any chance I would break my con-tract to take the Inter job." Venables was approached three weeks ago, while on hol-

"It was very flattering to be approached by such a hig club, I have to admit, but I made it clear to Inter that I was under contract to the FA until the end of the European Championship oext year and that I intend to see the job through."

Meanwhile Gary Pallister,
one of Venables' certain starters

in Wednesday's friendly, has recalled with horror the last time the two sides met. No one suffered more humiliation than the Manchester United centre-half as Graham Taylor's World Cup campaign disintegrated in Oslo. Asked to switch wide to mark

the Sheffield United striker, Jostein Flo, Pallister was dragged all over the Ullevaal Stadium while the rest of the team ran the England rearguard ragged. Jostein is missing through suspension, but his younger brother. Thore-Andre, is certain to play.

This is the chance to exorcise a few ghosts," Pallister said.
"Going back will evoke a lot of memories of that night. It was a really poor performance and virtually put us out of the World Cup. It was one of the worst performances I can remember, and my worst experience for England.

We had no cohesion, we never got to grips with the game and they deserved their win. We changed our system, but ended up playing to their strengths and

ignoring our own."

Jack Charlton's problems continue to mount ahead of Wednesday's crucial European Championship qualifier against Latvia in Dublin, after Liver-pool's Phil Babb and Sheffield Wednesday's John Sheridan were added to a lengther were added to a lengthening Re-public of Ireland injury list. Babb has been ordered to pull out of training for the next two days after aggravating a toe injury, while Sheridan has a knee injury that will be examined this specialist before he can he considered. More football, pages 26 and 27

McKinlay in contract dispute

Billy McKinlay wants Dundee United to give him a substantial slice of the £1.75m profit from his sale to Blackburn Rovers. The 26-year-old midfield player has agreed to join the Premiership champions, but still has to settle a dispute with United.

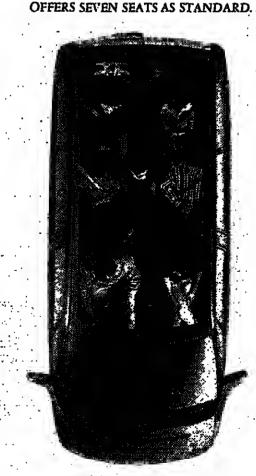
McKinlay is taking the club to court in a wrangle over the legality of an eight-and-a-half year deal he signed as a tecnager. claiming it is a restraint of trade. The player and his advisers are

convinced they will win the case on 13 December, and that would make him a free agent with no transfer fee on his head.

McKinlay will ask United to give him a percentage of the prof-, because if he stays they could get oothing. McKinlay flies out with Scotland today intent on winning his 14th cap in the friendly against Sweden. Blackburn are happy to wait until the end of the week for his signature while he sorts out his severance payment.

Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, is sure he has captured the player after talking to him and showing him round Ewood Park on Saturday - while the admission of defeat from Celtic's manager, Tommy Burns, after a last-ditch record contract of-fer has left Blackburn as the only club with the money. Now United have to decide whether to give McKinlay part of their profit - or take him on in court and risk losing everything.

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